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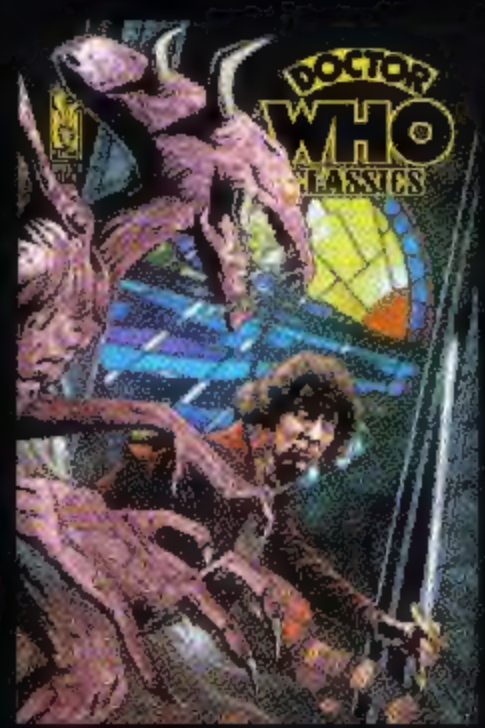

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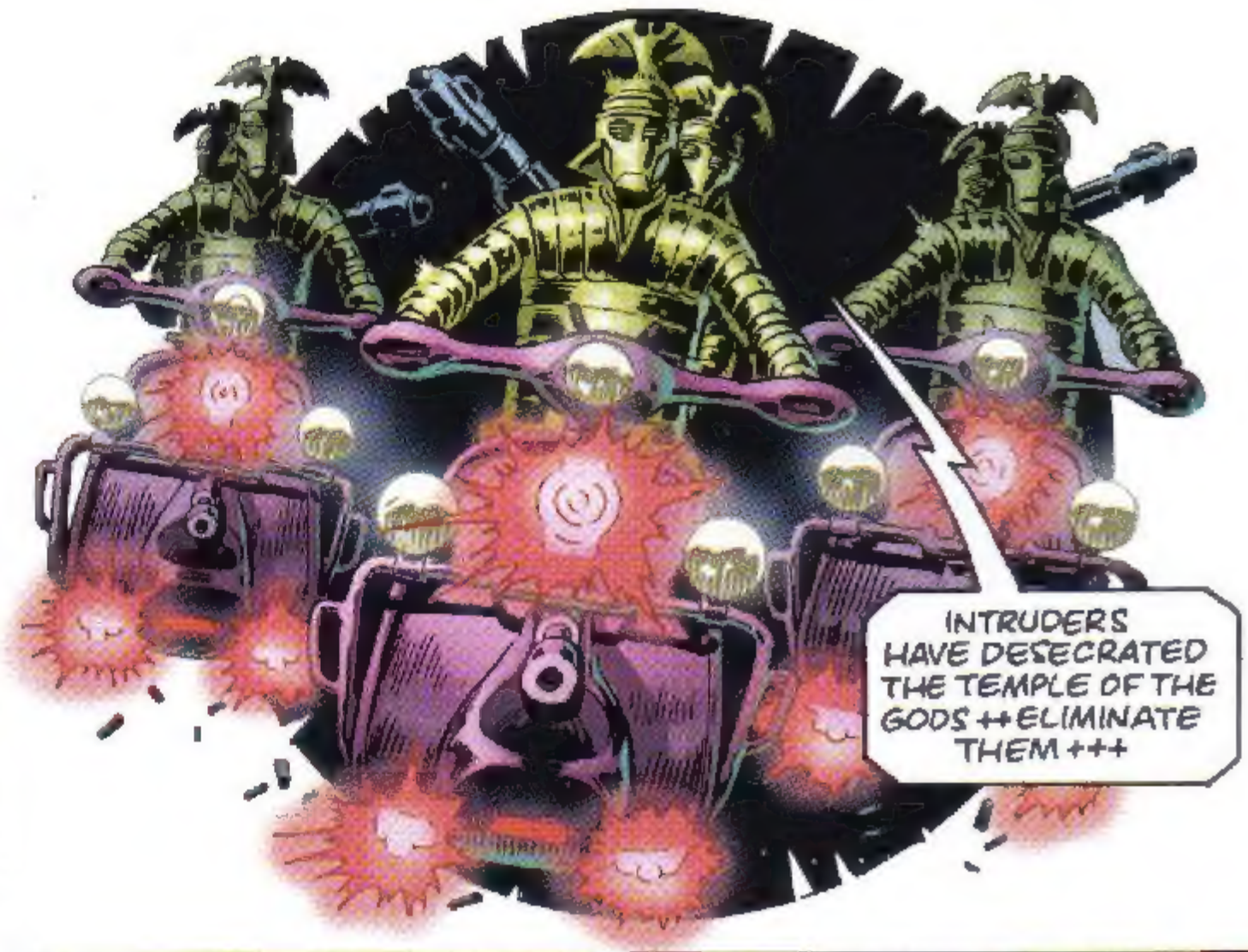
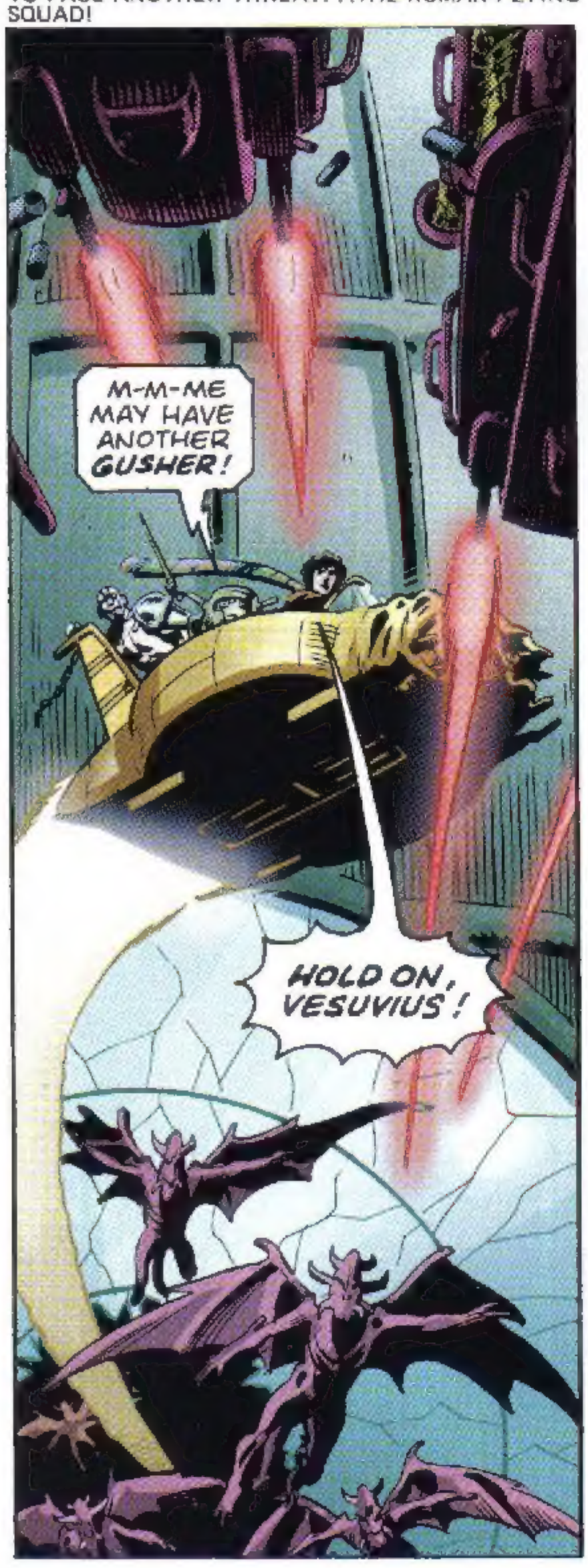
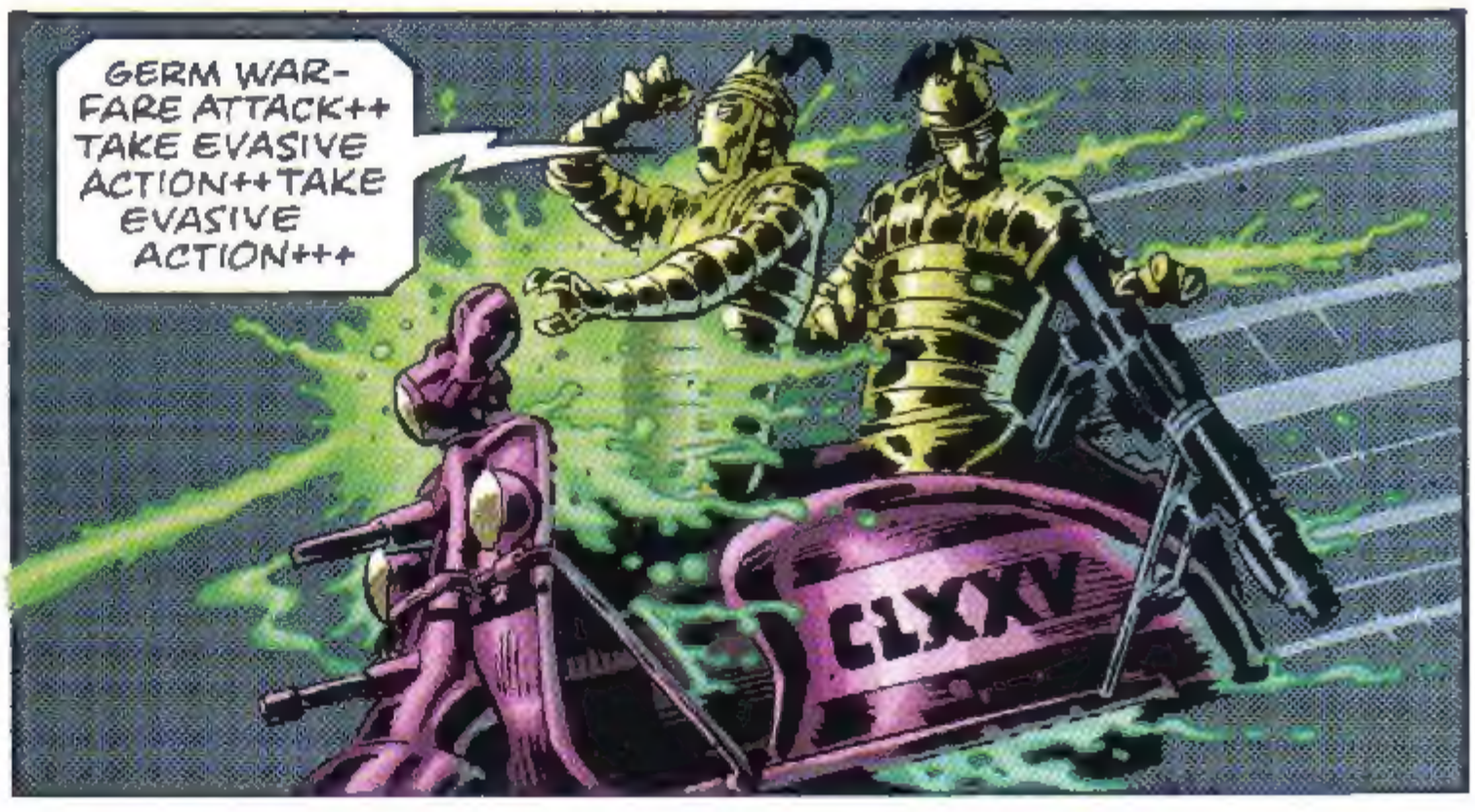
THE DOCTOR HAS DISCOVERED AN ALTERNATIVE EARTH WHERE ROME NEVER FELL, BUT WENT ON TO CONQUER THE ENTIRE GALAXY! THE DOCTOR AND HIS COMPANIONS ESCAPE FROM THE MALEVILUS. . . THE GODS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE—ONLY TO FACE ANOTHER THREAT. . .THE ROMAN FLYING SQUAD!





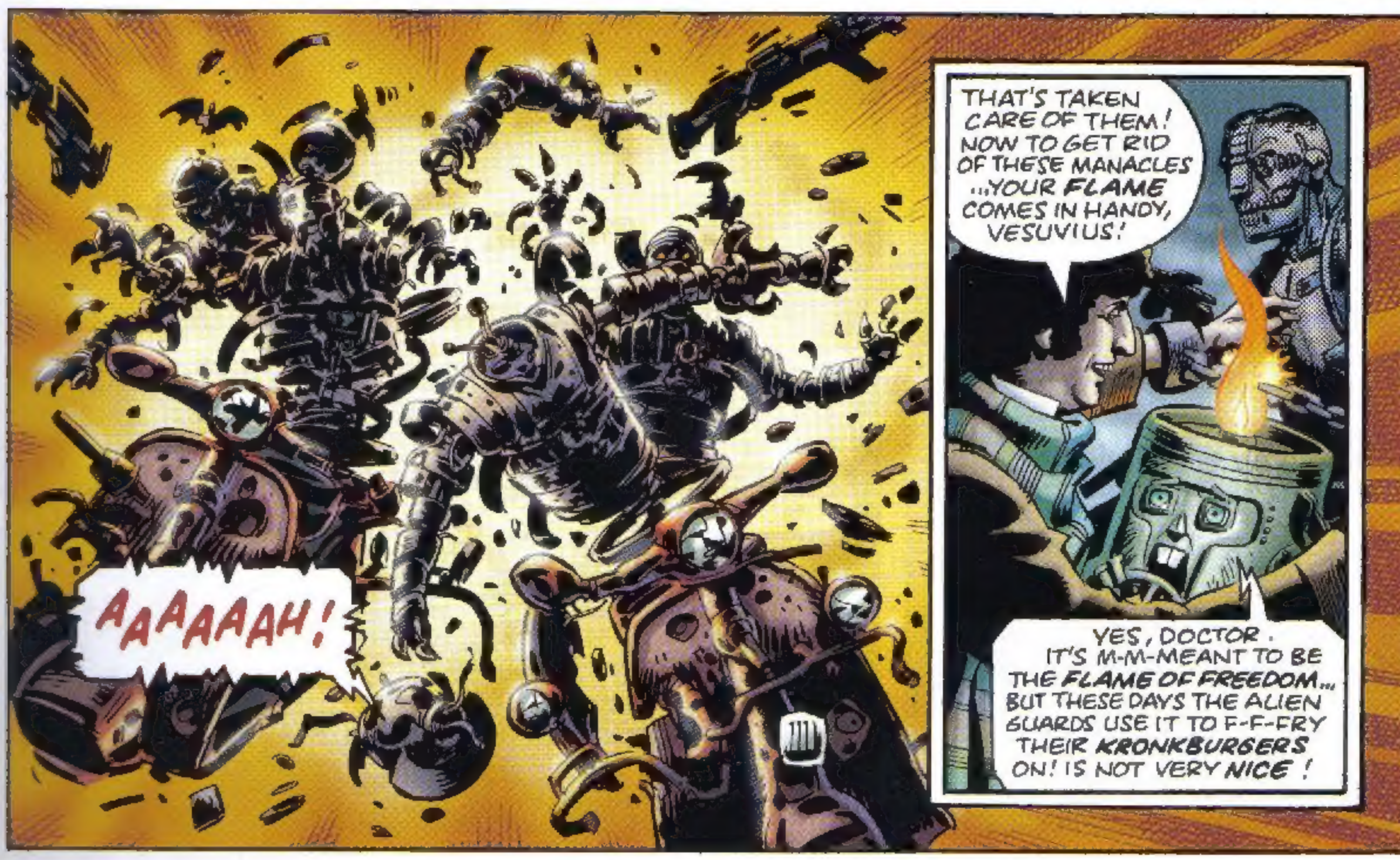


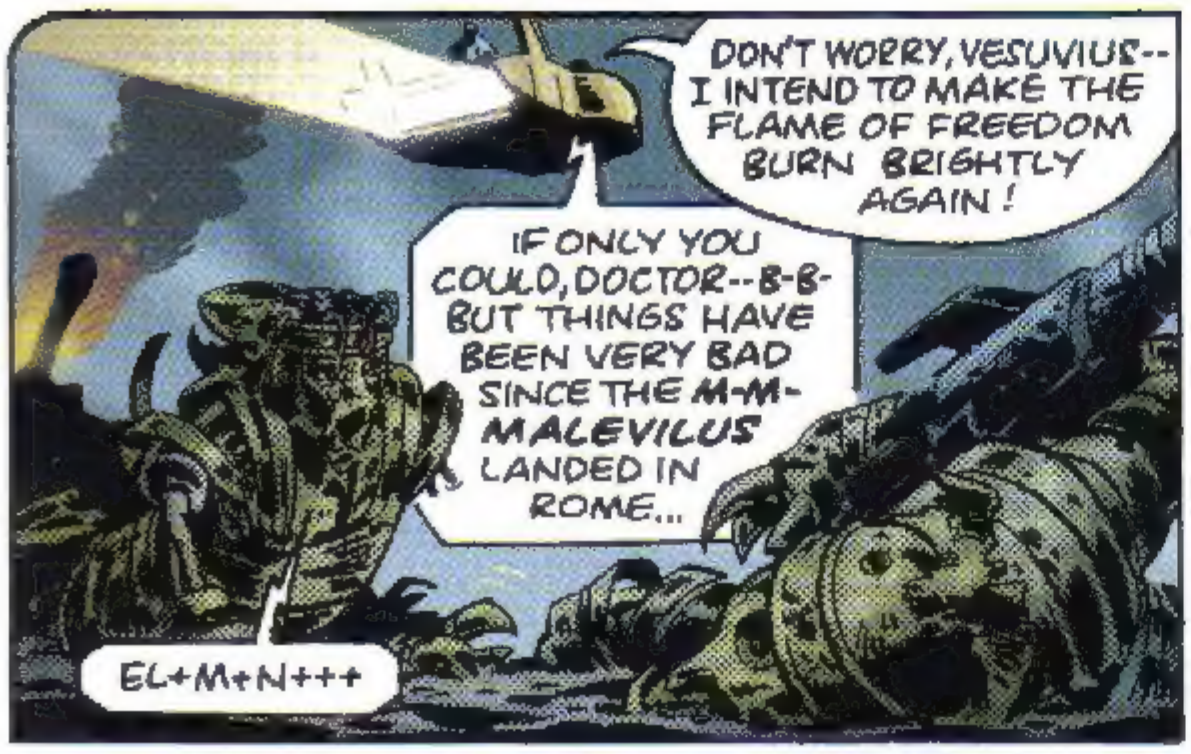
THE METAL-EATING BACTERIA DEVOUR THE ROBOTS ...
FIFTY PER CENT CORROSION++ REQUEST ASSIS-TANCE++ SIXTY PER CENT CORROSION++ REQUEST ASSIS-TANCE++OUT OF CONTROL+++
SEVENTY PER CENT CORROSION ++ REQUEST ASSISTANCE+++

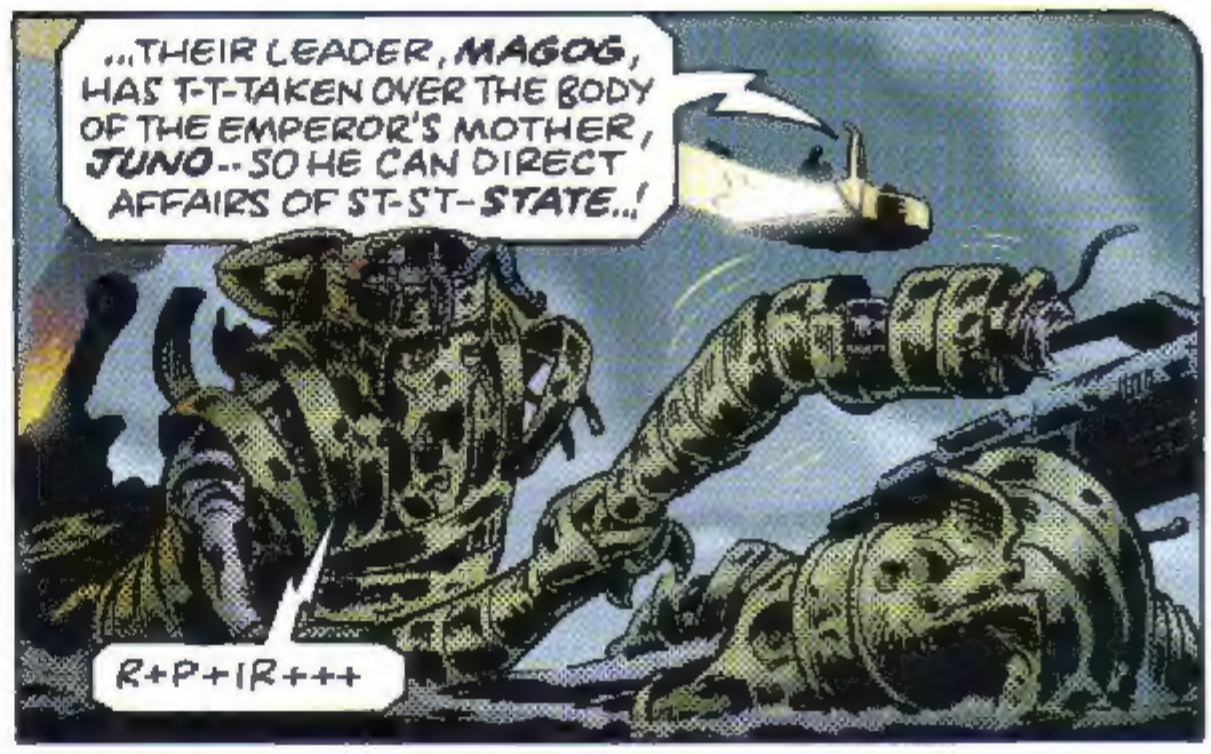
EIGHTY PER CENT CORROSION ++CONDITION+ TERMINAL+ +NO LONGER REQUEST AAAAAAAA

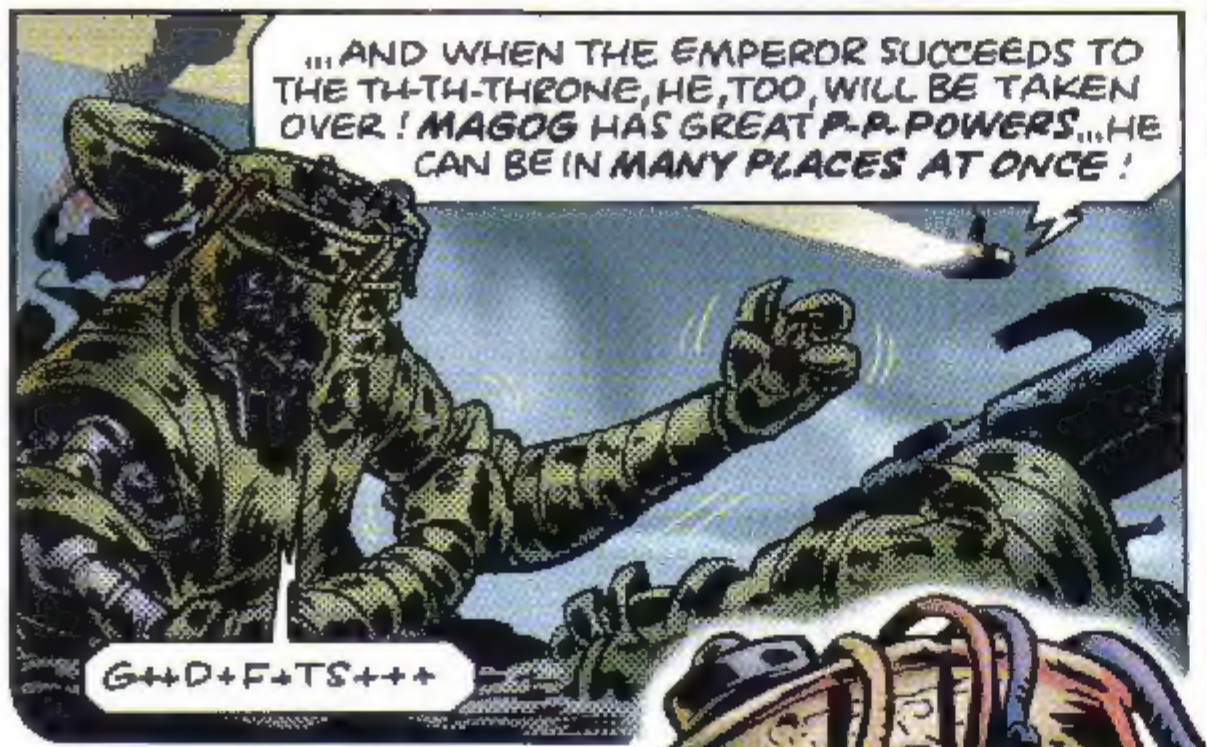
TWO LEFT-- AND THEY'RE CLOSING FAST, DOC!

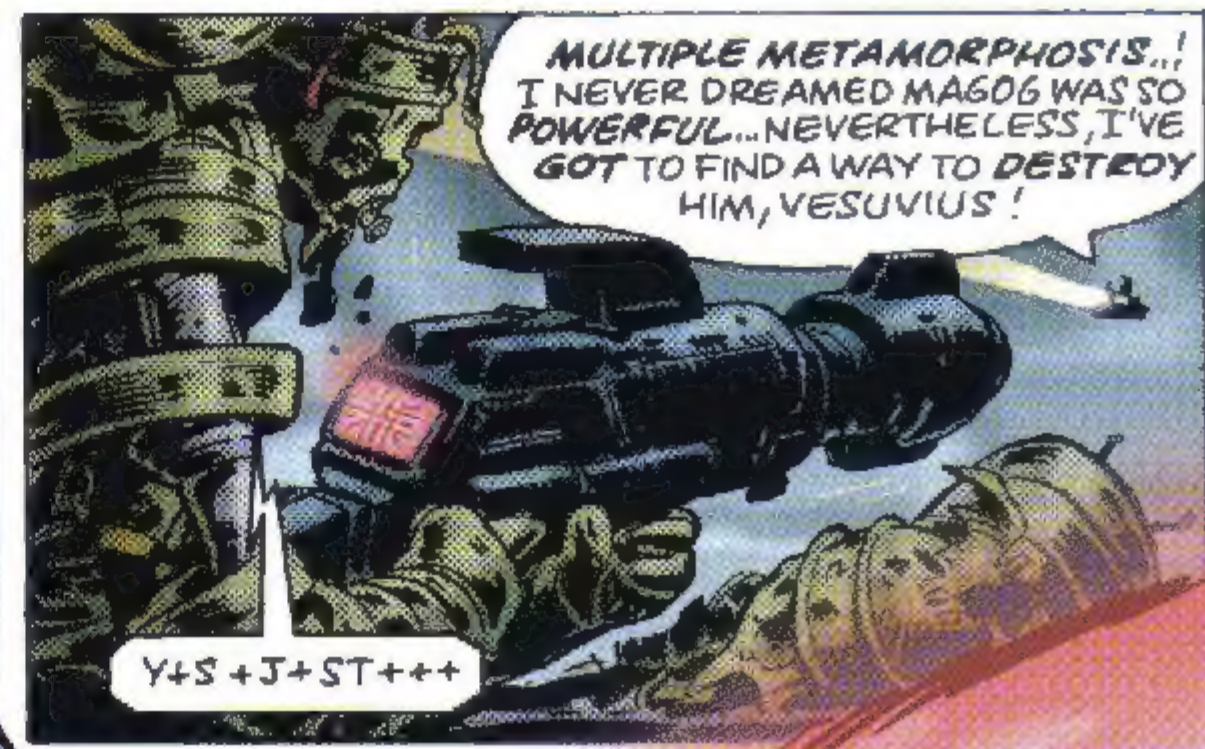
RUST IN PEACE! HURR, HURR! MORRIS MAKE THE JOKE!


AAAAAAH!
THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF THEM! NOW TO GET RID OF THESE MANACLES ...YOUR FLAME COMES IN HANDY, VESUVIUS!
YES, DOCTOR. IT'S M-M-MEANT TO BE THE FLAME OF FREEDOM... BUT THESE DAYS THE ALIEN GUARDS USE IT TO F-F-FRY THEIR KRONKBURGERS ON! IS NOT VERY NICE!


DON'T WORRY, VESUVIUS-- I INTEND TO MAKE THE FLAME OF FREEDOM BURN BRIGHTLY AGAIN!
IF ONLY YOU COULD, DOCTOR--B-B- BUT THINGS HAVE BEEN VERY BAD SINCE THE M-M- MALEVILUS LANDED IN ROME...
EL+M+N+++

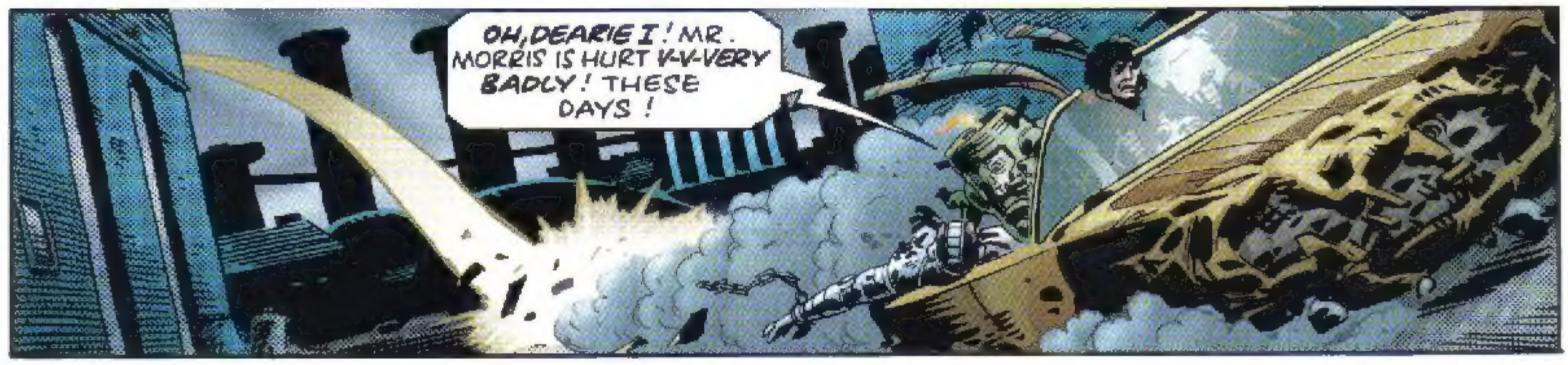

...THEIR LEADER, MAGOG, HAS T-T-TAKEN OVER THE BODY OF THE EMPEROR'S MOTHER, JUNO--SO HE CAN DIRECT AFFAIRS OF ST-ST-STATE..!
R+P+IR+++


...AND WHEN THE EMPEROR SUCCEEDS TO THE TH-TH-THRONE, HE, TOO, WILL BE TAKEN OVER! MAGOG HAS GREAT P-P-POWERS...HE CAN BE IN MANY PLACES AT ONCE!
G++D+F+TS+++


MULTIPLE METAMORPHOSIS..! I NEVER DREAMED MAGOG WAS SO POWERFUL...NEVERTHELESS, I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO DESTROY HIM, VESUVIUS!
Y+S+J+ST+++

EL++M+N++AT+++

MORRIS!


OH, DEARIE I! MR. MORRIS IS HURT V-V-VERY BADLY! THESE DAYS!

THE C-C-CATACOMBS..! IT'S THE ONLY PLACE US WILL BE SAFE FROM FOOT PATROLS!
LEAN ON ME, MORRIS...
IT'S A MORTAL WOUND...THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO..!
RECKON DOCTORS NOT GO PATCH ME UP THIS TIME, EH, DOC..? NO...NO MORE ESCAPING FOR MORRIS...
I'M AFRAID NOT, MORRIS.
BUT MORRIS...HE... UUUH! HE DONE GOOD, DIDN'T HE, DOC?
YOU DID GREAT, MORRIS. WE'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT WITHOUT YOU!
MOMENTS LATER...
GOODBYE, MORRIS, OLD FRIEND.
POOR MR. MORRIS ...OH, ME D-D-DOESN'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH DOWN HERE, DOCTOR!
WHAT'S ALONG THERE, VESUVIUS?
THE HALL OF THE BESTIARUS--THE BEAST MEN! GENETICALLY ENGINEERED S-S-SOLDIERS! THE BESTIARUS WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL--SO THEY WERE DE-ACTIVATED. THEY'VE L-L-LAIN THERE FOR CENTURIES!
ROBOTS MUCH BETTER!
WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THE BESTIARUS?
THEY SMASHED EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!
A FEW ADJUSTMENTS TO THIS EQUIPMENT, AND--
NO, DOCTOR! IT'S TOO RISKY! THESE DAYS!
THE BESTIARUS ARE ALL WE'VE GOT, VESUVIUS...WE'RE GOING TO USE THEM TO SMASH THE EVIL OF ROME!
NEXT WEEK: THE BEAST-MEN AWAKE!

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LATER, AT THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS... IN THE IMPERIAL BOX...

THE GODS ARE NOT PLEASED, IRONICUS! IF THERE ARE ANY MORE MISTAKES, I PROMISE IT WILL GO BADLY WITH YOU!

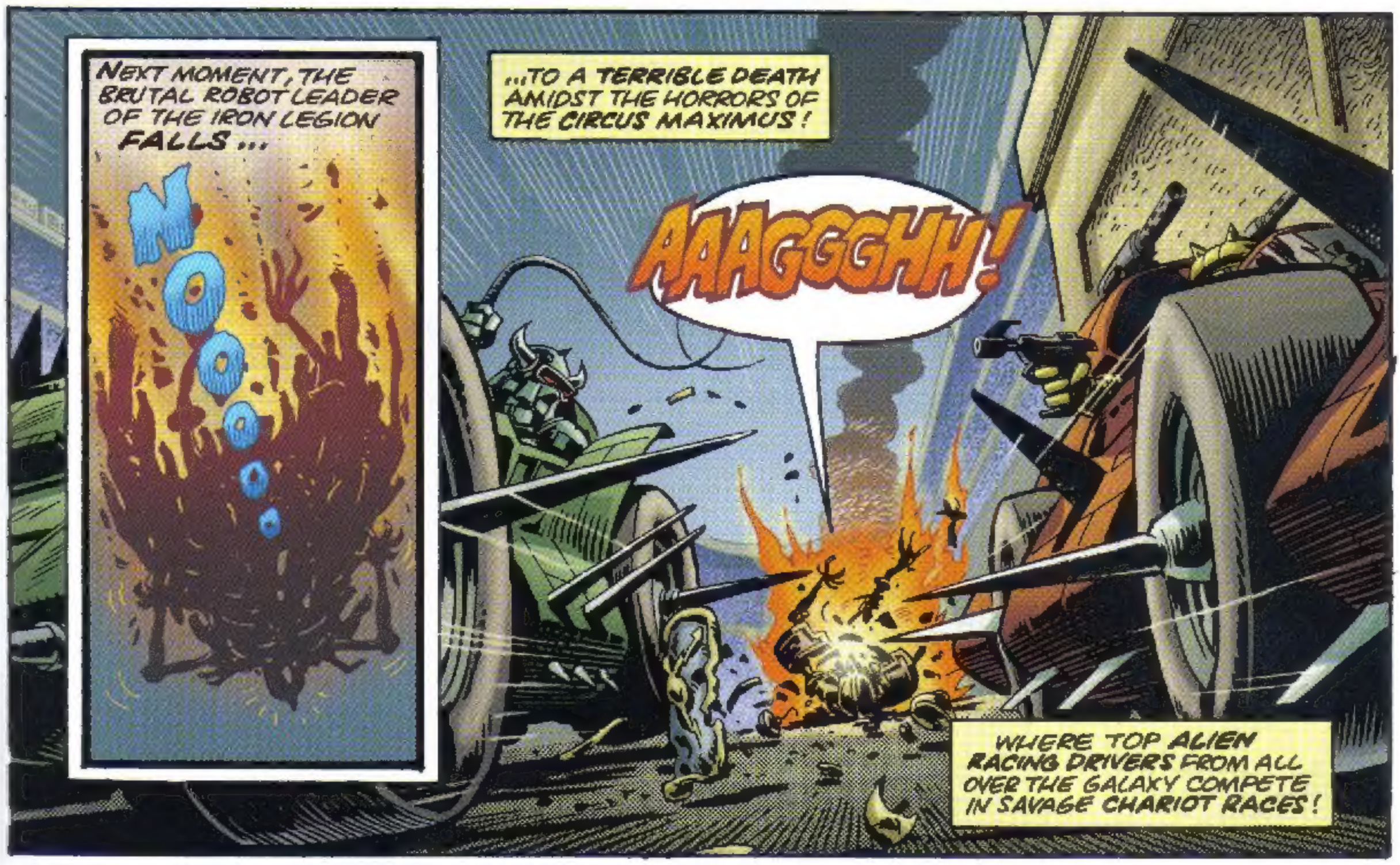
MY IRON LEGIONNAIRES ARE SCOURING ROME, MAGOG! THEY WILL FIND THE DOCTOR WITHIN THE HOUR! THIS I SWEAR!

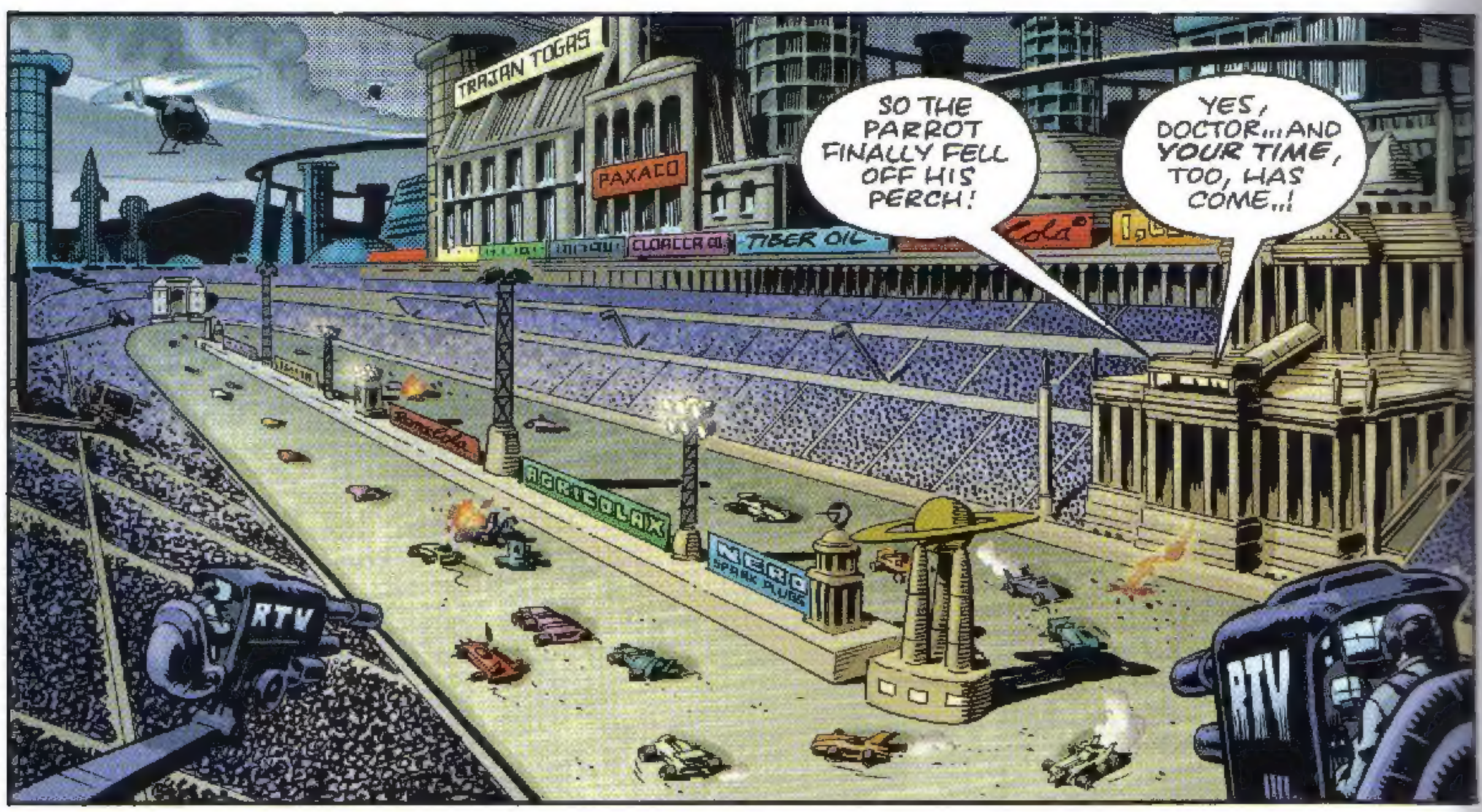
SO! YOUR LEGIONNAIRES SEARCH THE CITY, WHILE THE DOCTOR ENTERS THE IMPERIAL BOX, MAKING A MOCKERY OF YOUR SECURITY!
YES, I THOUGHT I'D POP IN FOR A LITTLE CHAT!
MAGOG, I--!

HE'S MADE A FOOL OF YOU, IRONICUS...! AND I DO NOT TOLERATE FOOLS!
MAGOG, PLEASE... I BEG YOU... UUUH! UUUH! UUUH!

WATCH, DOCTOR-- A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION OF MY POWERS!
AAAHH! NO, MAGOG! NO! NO! NO!

YOU SEE? BY THE POWER OF THOUGHT, I CAN CREATE... SPONTANEOUS INTERNAL COMBUSTION!
AAAHHH! AAAHHH! AAAHHH!


NEXT MOMENT, THE BRUTAL ROBOT LEADER OF THE IRON LEGION FALLS...
NOOO
...TO A TERRIBLE DEATH AMIDST THE HORRORS OF THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS!
AAAGGGHH!
WHERE TOP ALIEN RACING DRIVERS FROM ALL OVER THE GALAXY COMPETE IN SAVAGE CHARIOT RACES!


TRAJAN TOGAS
PAXACO
CLOACCA OIL
TIBER OIL
Cola
AGRICOLAX
NERO
SPARK PLUGS
RTV
RTV
SO THE PARROT FINALLY FELL OFF HIS PERCH!
YES, DOCTOR...AND YOUR TIME, TOO, HAS COME..!

BUT, FIRST...

...LET ME GET RID OF THIS HATEFUL HUMAN FORM...

...AND SLIP INTO SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE...

COMFORTABLE!

...AND NOW, DOCTOR ...NOW FOR YOU!
NEXT
THE FINAL BATTLE!

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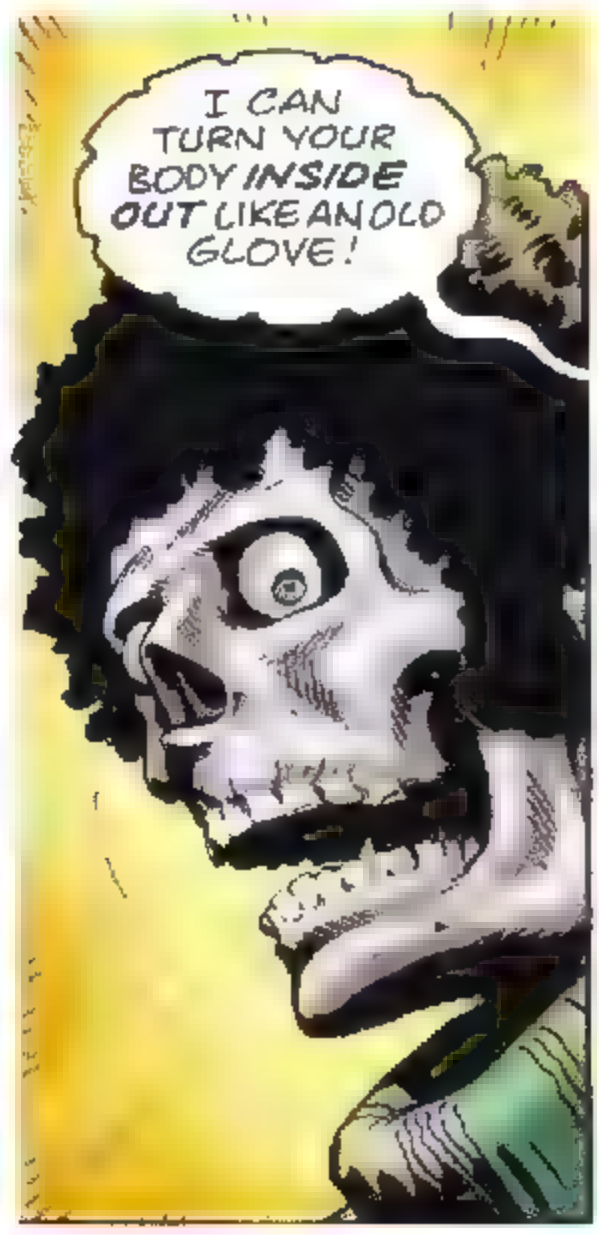
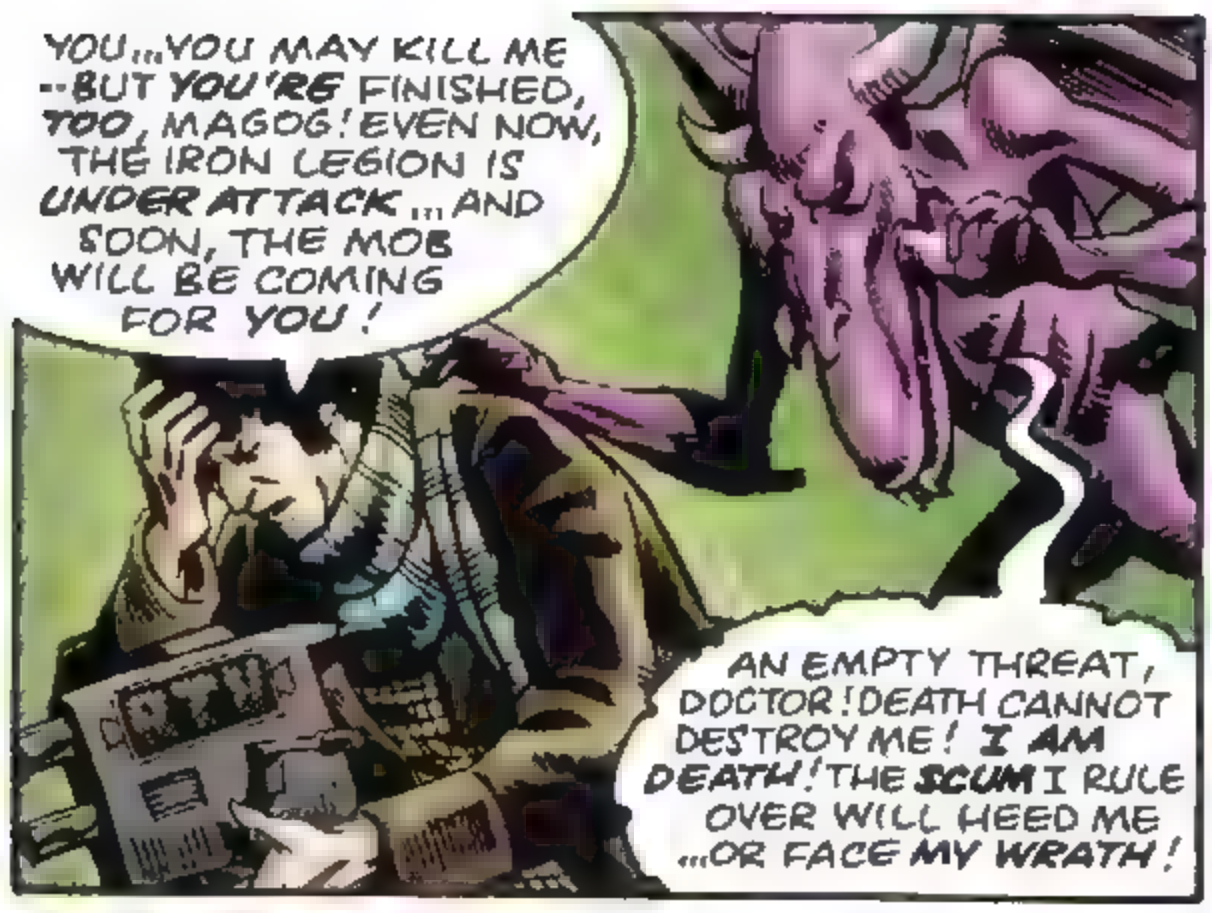
THE EMPEROR'S MOTHER, JUNO, HAS TURNED INTO THE HIDEOUS MAGOG, LEADER OF THE MALEVILUS! MAGOG DISPOSES OF GENERAL IRONICUS. . .AND THEN TURNS ON THE DOCTOR!

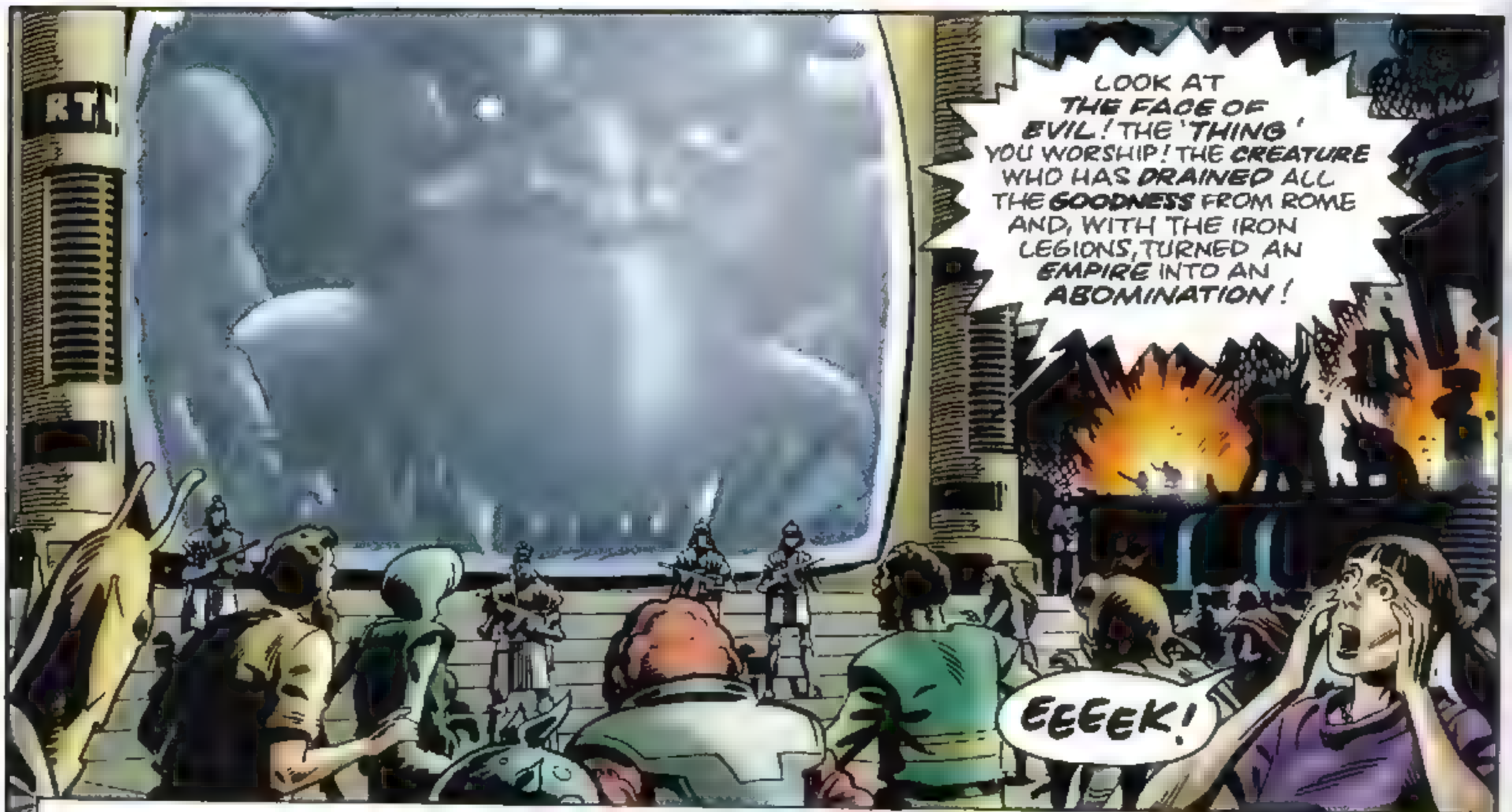
MEANWHILE, **THE BESTIARUS**, PROGRAMMED BY THE DOCTOR, ATTACK THE IRON LEGION AT KEY POINTS THROUGHOUT ROME! THESE BEASTMEN HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHOUT THE CAPACITY FOR **PAIN**-- THEIR SIMPLE MINDS THINK ONLY OF...**DESTRUCTION!**

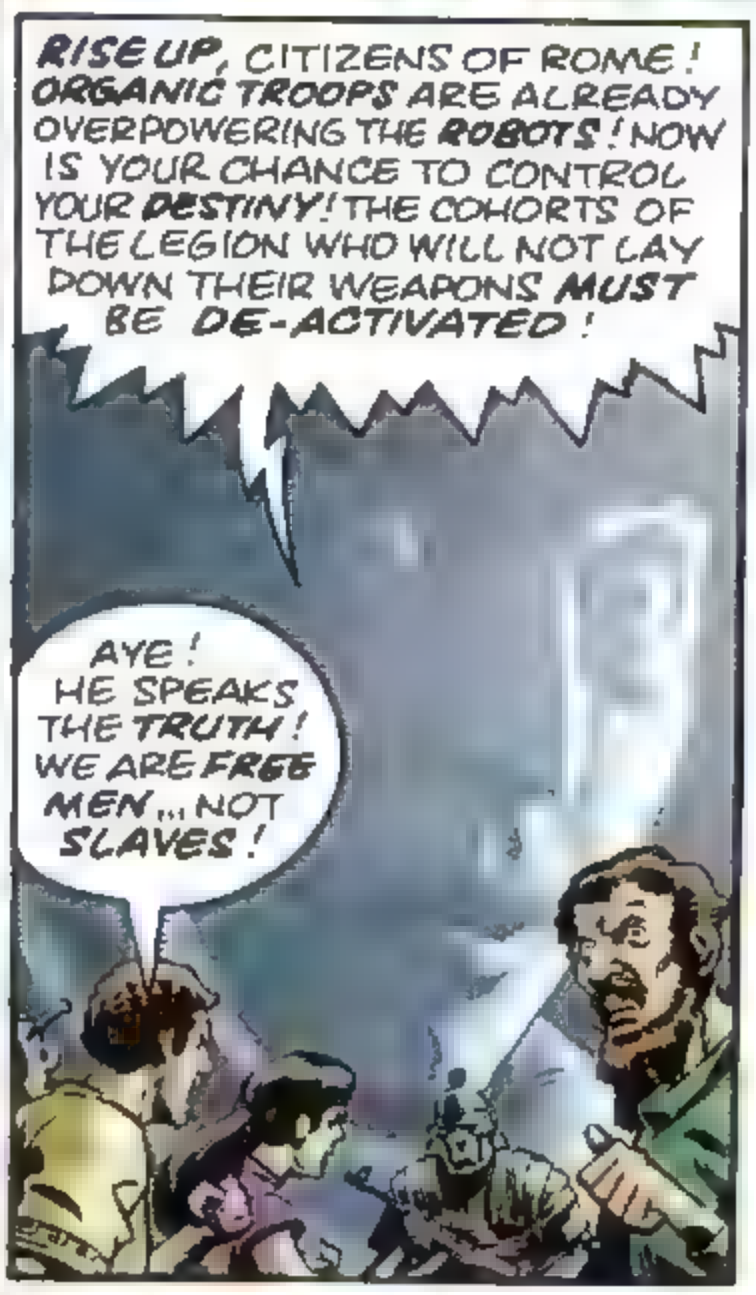
MARAUDING, MANIC **ROBOPHANTS** JOIN IN THE CHAOS! WHOSE SIDE **THEY** ARE ON IS NOT CLEAR! BUT, AS BUILDINGS TOTTER AND THE ROBOT LEGIONS FALL BACK, THERE IS NO DOUBT--**THE ROMAN REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN!**




YOU...YOU MAY KILL ME --BUT YOU'RE FINISHED, TOO, MAGOG! EVEN NOW, THE IRON LEGION IS UNDER ATTACK...AND SOON, THE MOB WILL BE COMING FOR YOU!
AN EMPTY THREAT, DOCTOR! DEATH CANNOT DESTROY ME! I AM DEATH! THE SCUM I RULE OVER WILL HEED ME ...OR FACE MY WRATH!

DESPITE THE TERRIBLE STRAIN, THE DOCTOR MANAGES TO SWING THE CAMERA...
YOU HEAR HIM, CITIZENS OF ROME...! NOW--LOOK ON HIM! LOOK ON YOUR GOD!


LOOK AT THE FACE OF EVIL! THE 'THING' YOU WORSHIP! THE CREATURE WHO HAS DRAINED ALL THE GOODNESS FROM ROME AND, WITH THE IRON LEGIONS, TURNED AN EMPIRE INTO AN ABOMINATION!
EEEEK!

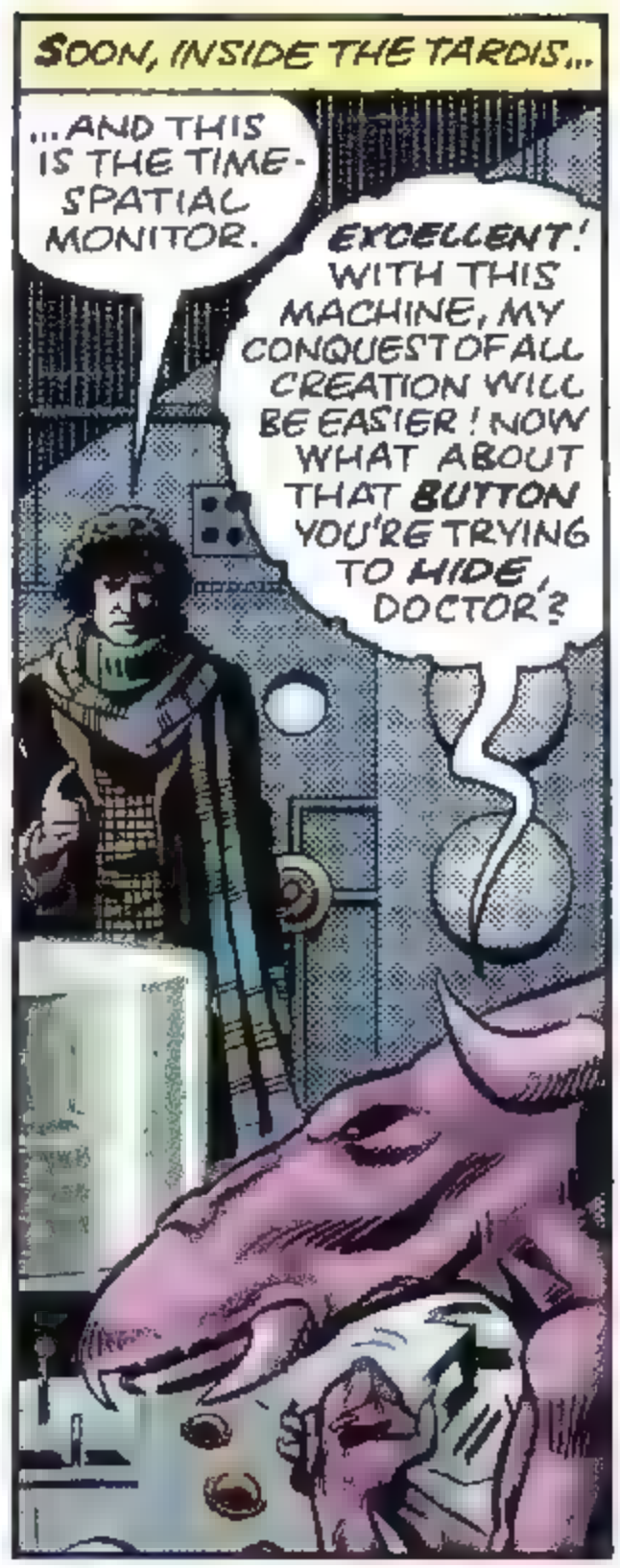

RISE UP, CITIZENS OF ROME! ORGANIC TROOPS ARE ALREADY OVERPOWERING THE ROBOTS! NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO CONTROL YOUR DESTINY! THE COHORTS OF THE LEGION WHO WILL NOT LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS MUST BE DE-ACTIVATED!
AYE! HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH! WE ARE FREE MEN...NOT SLAVES!

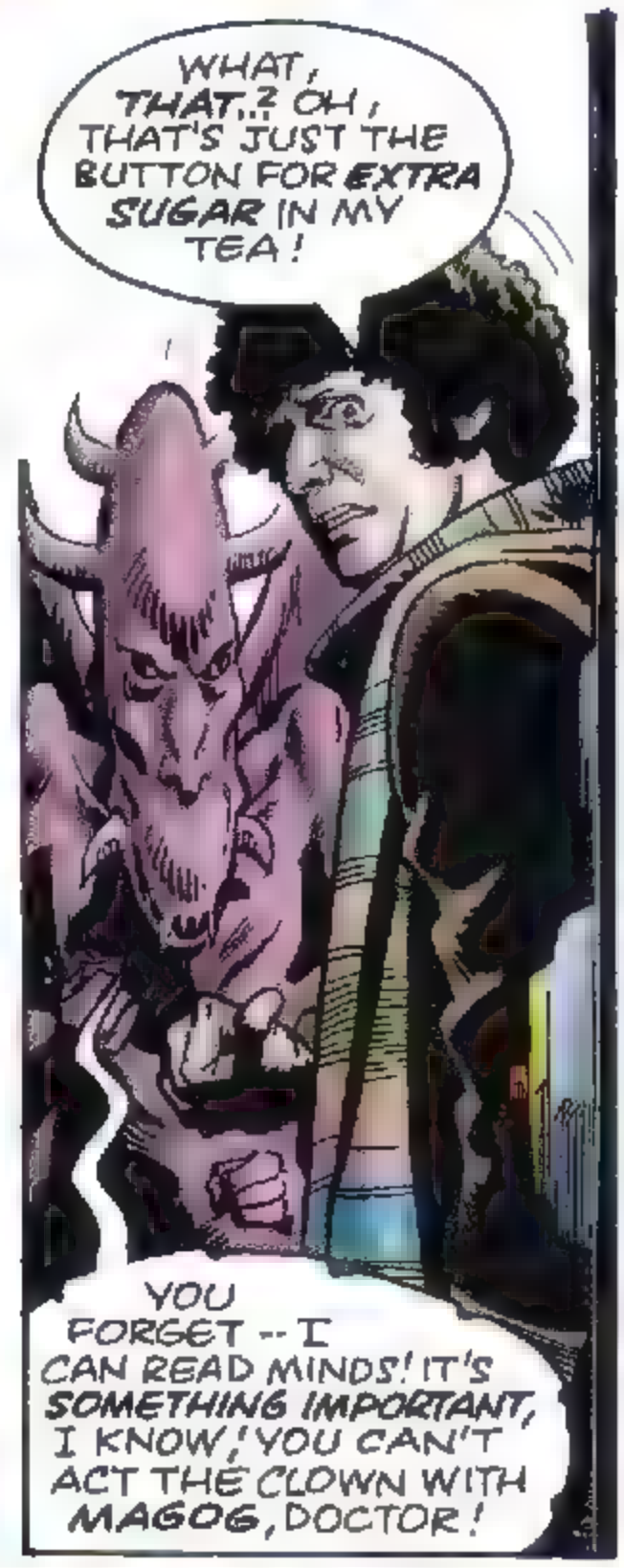
DOWN WITH THE IRON LEGION!

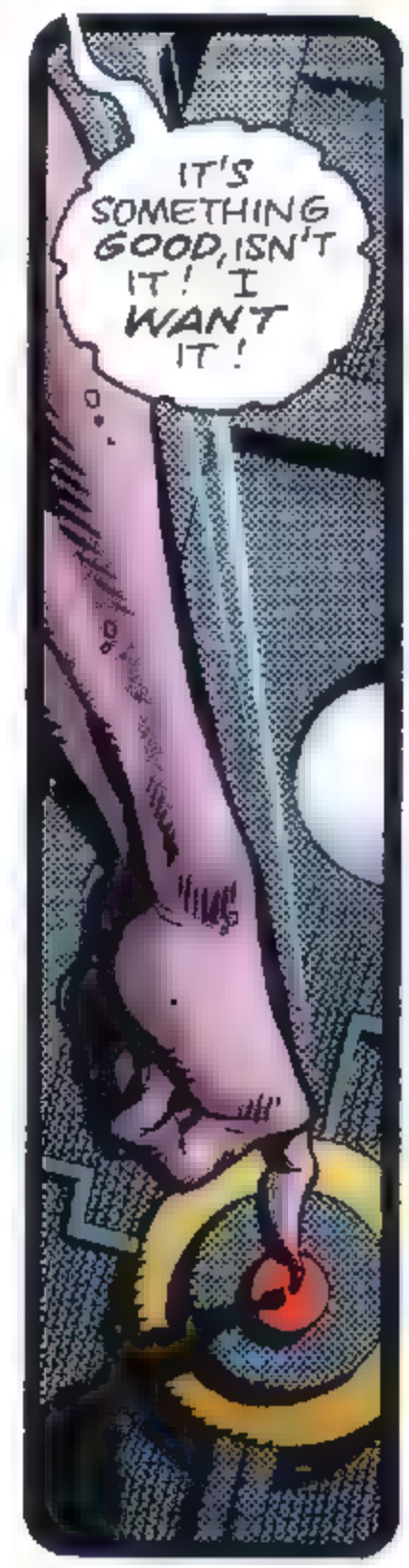
THAT MINDLESS RABBLE! I WILL REGAIN CONTROL OF THEM...ONCE I HAVE DEALT WITH YOU, DOCTOR!

I'VE NEVER EATEN A TIME LORD BEFORE! THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT STIMULATES MY SALIVARY JUICES!
I HOPE YOU'VE GOT SOME TOMATO KETCHUP --I'M A LITTLE ON THE TOUGH SIDE, AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES!

A MOMENT TO SAVOUR! I SHALL BE GREATLY SUCCOURED BY SUCH A FEED.. AFTER YOU HAVE TOLD ME THE SECRETS OF YOUR TARDIS!
COME ALONG, DOCTOR!


SOON, INSIDE THE TARDIS...
...AND THIS IS THE TIME-SPATIAL MONITOR.
EXCELLENT! WITH THIS MACHINE, MY CONQUEST OF ALL CREATION WILL BE EASIER! NOW WHAT ABOUT THAT BUTTON YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE, DOCTOR?


WHAT, THAT..? OH, THAT'S JUST THE BUTTON FOR EXTRA SUGAR IN MY TEA!
YOU FORGET -- I CAN READ MINDS! IT'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT, I KNOW! YOU CAN'T ACT THE CLOWN WITH MAGOG, DOCTOR!


IT'S SOMETHING GOOD, ISN'T IT! I WANT IT!

WELL, YOU'VE GOT IT! IT'S IMPORTANT, ALL RIGHT ... IT ACTIVATES A CONDUIT TO AN EMPTY DIMENSION..! 'BYE, 'BYE, MAGOG!
NO...! NOOOOO!

YOU CAN'T DIE--BUT YOU CAN BE CAGED! UNTIL THE END OF ETERNITY, YOU'LL RULE A KINGDOM BEYOND ALL KINGDOMS, MAGOG! FOR NOW, YOU'RE THE EMPEROR OF THE EMPTY DIMENSION! LORD OF NOTHING! KING OF THE BIG ZERO!

MAGOG... WILL... RETURN!

GOOD JOB EVERY TARDIS CARRIES A SPARE DIMENSION AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT!

MEANWHILE, THE MALEVILUS' SPACE-SHIP IS BESIEGED BY THOUSANDS OF BEAST-MEN!

ACTIVATE! ACTIVATE!

SYSTEMS NOT RESPONDING, BROTHER BABIYON! BROTHER MAGOG HAS DRAINED ALL THE POWER! TRY AUXILIARY!

FOR A MOMENT, THE ALIEN SHIP LIFTS INTO THE AIR...

THEN, WITH A GROAN OF DYING ENGINES, CRASHES INTO THE GROUND --EXPLODING IN FLAMES!

AND--THE TERROR OF THE MALEVILUS IS FINALLY OVER!

SOME TIME LATER...

OH, DEARIE I! ROME IS FREE, THANKS TO YOU, D-D-DOCTOR! ME IS SO HAPPY-- ME COULD ERUPT!

IT WAS YOUR DOING, TOO, VESUVIUS! THAT'S WHY THE CITIZENS MADE YOU THEIR NEW EMPEROR!

OH, YES! OH, G-G-GOSH! SO MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS FOR I TO MAKE THESE DAYS! LIKE WHAT TO DO WITH THE LAST EMPEROR, LITTLE ADOLPHUS!

THIS ADDRESS MIGHT BE USEFUL, CAESAR ...IT'S A BOARDING SCHOOL ON THE ICE-PLANET CRYOS FOUR, IN A REMOTE CORNER OF THE GALAXY! RUN BY AN ORDER OF LUKRONIAN VORKS--VERY STRICT ON DISCIPLINE, I BELIEVE!

AN EXCELLENT IDEA, DOCTOR! ME WILL WR-WR-WRITE TO THEM IMMEDIATELY!

WELL, GOOD LUCK, CAESAR! I'M OFF FOR A QUIET HOLIDAY, SOMEWHERE PEACEFUL! CHAP I MET SUGGESTED BENIDORM...! SUN, SEA, SAND--AND A LITTLE BIT OF OLÉ!

THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: JOIN THE DOCTOR IN... CITY of the DAMNED!

DOCTOR WHO
CITY OF THE DAMNED
WARNING: YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER THE CITY. LEAVE ALL PERSONAL ITEMS BEHIND. THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED.
YOU WILL SEE STRANGE AND ALARMING THINGS HERE. DO NOT BE ALARMED. ALARM IS FORBIDDEN.
DO NOT SMILE. DO NOT LAUGH. DO NOT CRY. DO NOT CARE. ABANDON HOPE.
HOPE IS AN EMOTION --AND EMOTION IS A CRIME IN... THE CITY OF THE DAMNED!
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BELOW, THE CITY IS ON THE MOVE...

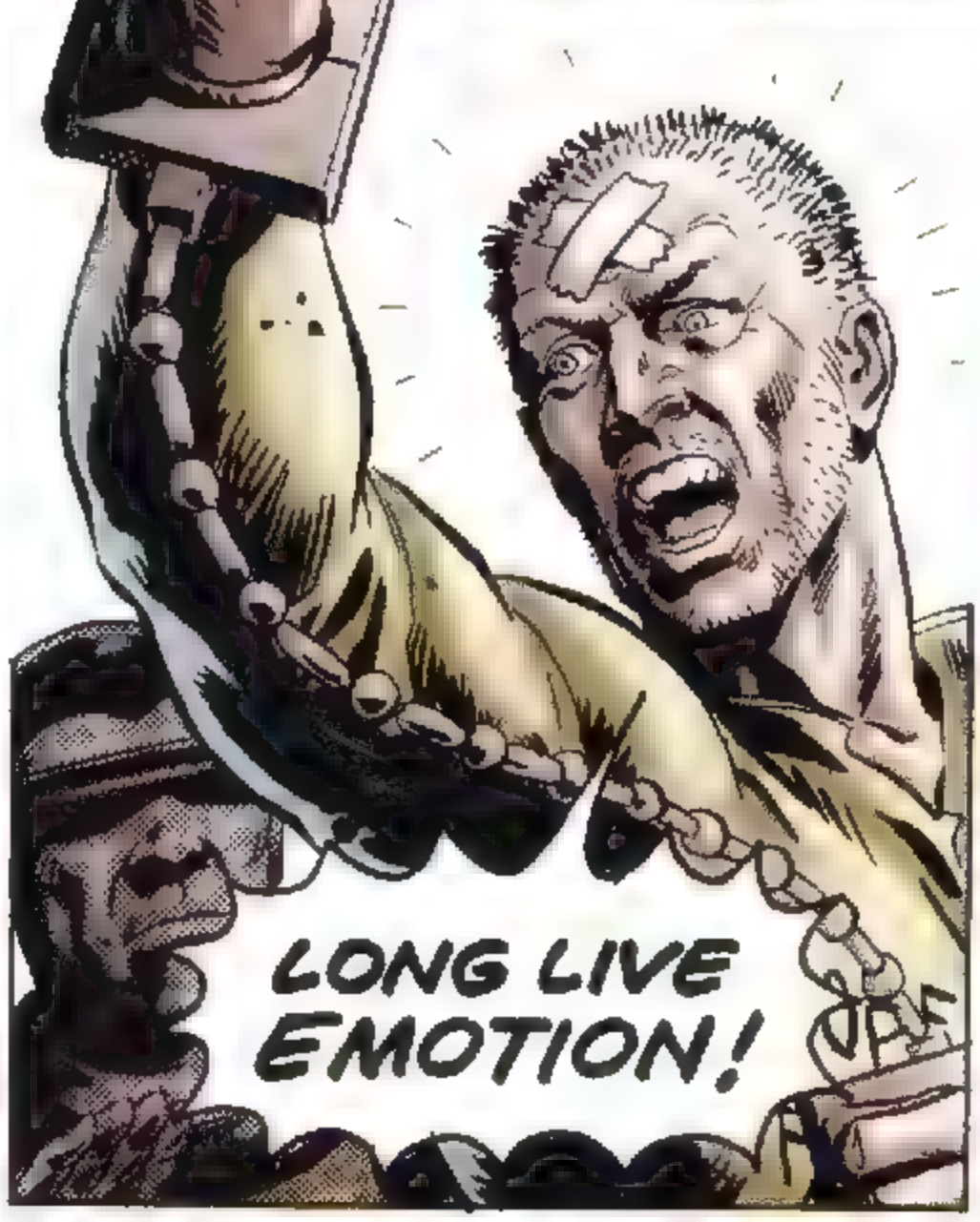
DIRECTIVE! 'CIRCLE' SECTION PROCEED TO APPOINTED WORK AREAS. NO BUNCHING ON THE WALKWAYS.

DIRECTIVE! OWING TO DIFFICULTIES IN AGRI-SECTOR FOURTEEN, CONSUMPTION OF FOODSTUFF K IS CUT BY TWENTY PER CENT. THAT IS THE GREEN TUBE.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! YOU WILL NOW BE ADDRESSED BY THE MODERATOR GENERAL!

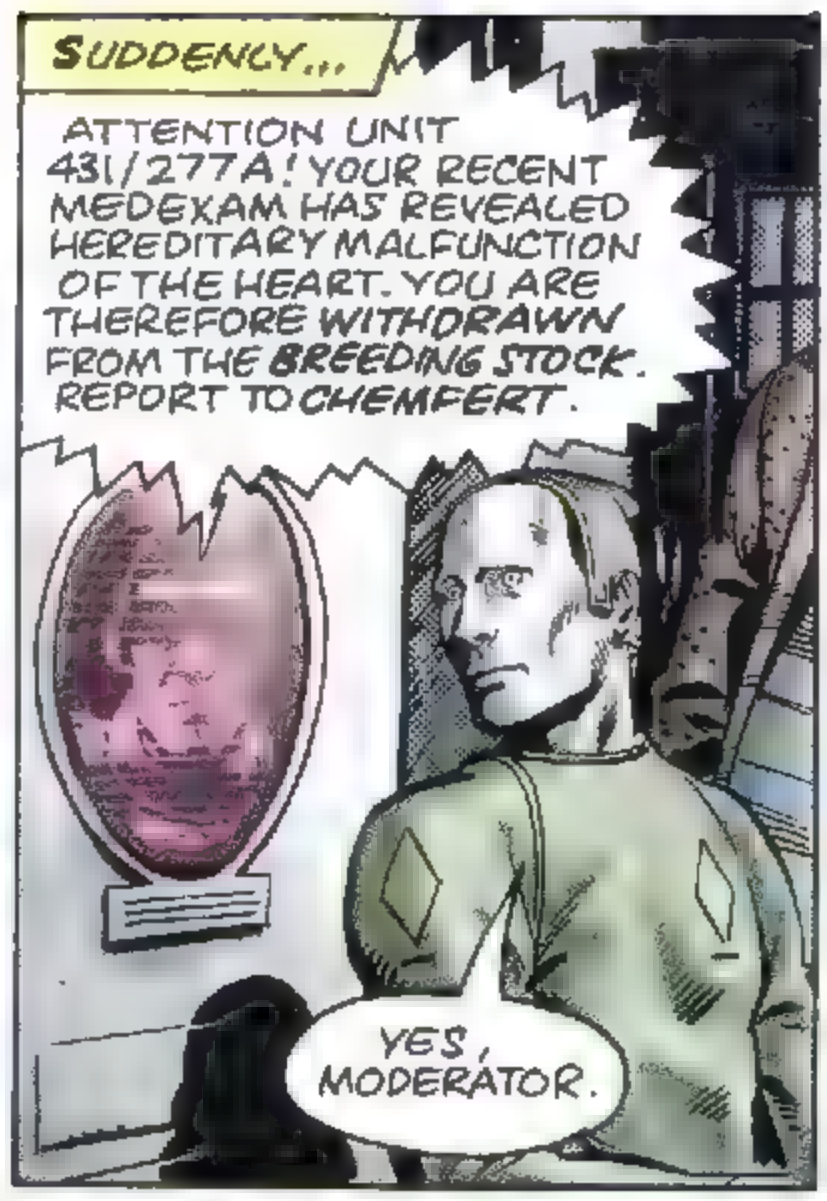
GIGANTIC IMAGES APPEAR ON THE WALLS OF THE CITY...

THE LAW OF OUR CITY WAS CREATED FOR YOUR GOOD--YET THERE ARE STILL THOSE WHO BREAK IT! HARDENED CRIMINALS WHO AVOID TREATMENT FOR THEIR PRIMITIVE URGES!



AAAAAAAAH!
BE WARNED! IF YOU FEEL AN EMOTION COMING ON, VISIT YOUR HARMONY BOOTH IMMEDIATELY!
LIVE IN HARMONY!
HARMONY!
IN THE LIVING QUARTERS...
POLICE BOX
THERE IS A STRANGE BOX APPEARING IN THE CORNER, 'B'.
YES, 'A'. IGNORE IT. PERHAPS IT WILL GO AWAY.
OH, DEAR, I APPEAR TO HAVE LANDED IN YOUR KITCHEN! WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO MOVE?
DO AS YOU WILL. I DON'T CARE.
LIKES AND DISLIKES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
AH! BREAKFAST, I SEE--
MIND IF I...

ABSOLUTELY TASTELESS! NOT A PATCH ON THESE JELLY BABIES! TRY ONE—
ONLY REGULATION FOODSTUFFS ARE PERMITTED. FOOD-STUFFS WITH TASTE MAY BRING ON DANGEROUS EMOTIONS.


SUDDENLY...
ATTENTION UNIT 431/277A! YOUR RECENT MEDEXAM HAS REVEALED HEREDITARY MALFUNCTION OF THE HEART. YOU ARE THEREFORE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BREEDING STOCK. REPORT TO CHEMFERT.
YES, MODERATOR.

GOODBYE, 'B'. THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE ME INTO FERTILISER. PERHAPS ONE DAY YOU AND YOUR NEW 'A' WILL EAT FOODSTUFFS GROWN ON ME.
AND THEN AGAIN, PERHAPS WE WON'T. GOOD-BYE 'A'.

WAIT! YOU CAN'T JUST LET YOUR HUSBAND WALK AWAY LIKE THAT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? ARE ALL YOUR FEELINGS DEAD?

IT IS NOT PERMITTED TO FEEL... AND YET ...THERE IS A STRANGE WET-NESS IN MY EYE...
I MUST VISIT THE HARMONY BOOTH.

MY 'A' HAS JUST BEEN TAKEN AWAY, MODERATOR. I THINK I FELT... AN EMOTION.
YOU WERE RIGHT TO COME TO ME, UNIT 431/277B.
THERE'S SOMETHING VERY ODD GOING ON IN THIS CITY!

WE MUST ERASE YOUR CRIME BEFORE IT CAN GROW INTO A BIGGER ONE! WE MUST BRING YOU BACK TO HARMONY!

GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOURSELF, WOMAN?

MODERATOR GENERAL-- THERE IS SOMEONE INTERFERING WITH THE HARMONISATION PROCESS.
WE WILL INVESTIGATE.
MODERATION SQUAD--'PORT OUT.
HMM! MORE ARRIVALS! IT'S LIKE YARGOS CENTRAL SPACEDROME IN HERE!
GOOD DAY! I AM THE DOCTOR. PERHAPS YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON --
MODERATORS DO NOT GIVE EXPLANATIONS. SCAN HIM.
FIERCE EMOTIONAL ACTIVITY --THE COMPLETE E-WAVE SPECTRUM.
I CAN SEE EVERY COLOUR OF THE RAIN-BOW AROUND HIM.
WELL, NATURALLY. WE TIME LORDS ARE VERY COLOURFUL CHARACTERS...
SILENCE, CRIMINAL WE'LL WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE.
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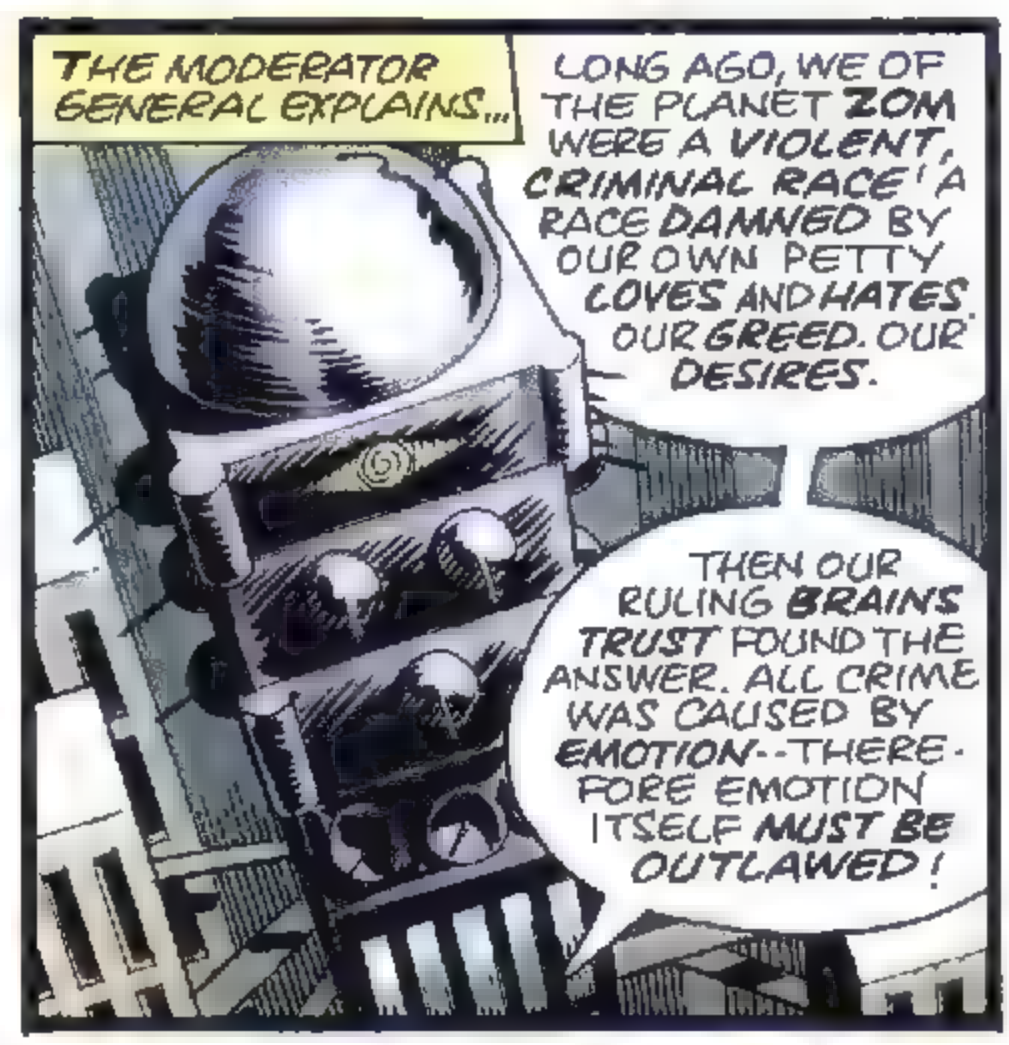
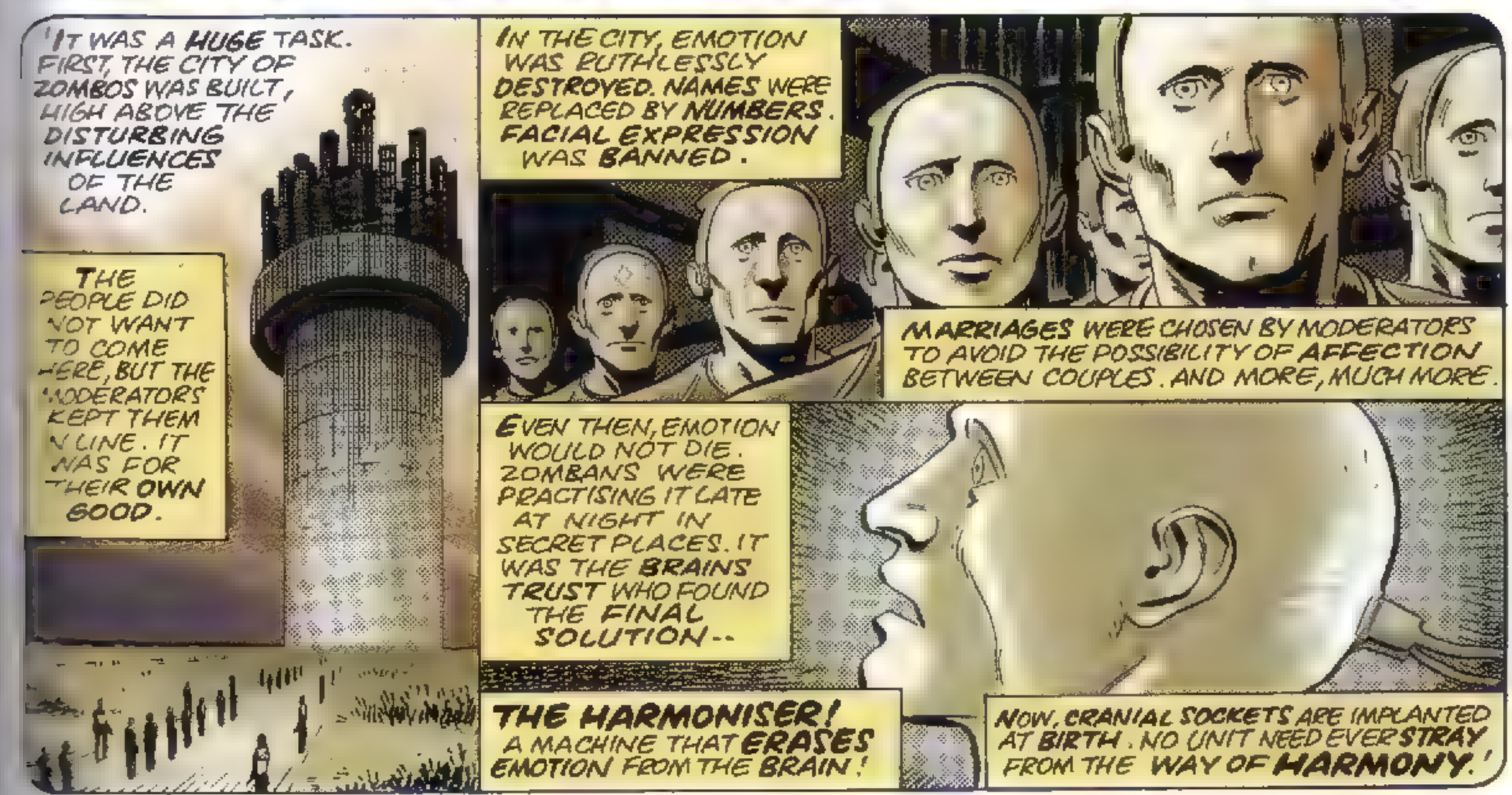
COFFEE AND DONUTS! IT'S THE LATEST IN INSTANT FOOD FROM THE PLANET EARTH. DO YOU DUNK?

DUNKING IS NOT PERMITTED!

YOUR SENSE OF HUMOUR IS HIGHLY ILLEGAL.
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE ILLEGAL IN THIS CITY!

THERE IS ONLY ONE CRIME --THE CRIME OF EMOTION!
YOU ARE AN OUTSIDER, DOCTOR. YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE MIRACLE OF OUR SOCIETY...


THE MODERATOR GENERAL EXPLAINS...
LONG AGO, WE OF THE PLANET ZOM WERE A VIOLENT, CRIMINAL RACE! A RACE DAMNED BY OUR OWN PETTY LOVES AND HATES. OUR GREED. OUR DESIRES.
THEN OUR RULING BRAINS TRUST FOUND THE ANSWER. ALL CRIME WAS CAUSED BY EMOTION--THEREFORE EMOTION ITSELF MUST BE OUTLAWED!


'IT WAS A HUGE TASK. FIRST, THE CITY OF ZOMBOS WAS BUILT, HIGH ABOVE THE DISTURBING INFLUENCES OF THE LAND.
THE PEOPLE DID NOT WANT TO COME HERE, BUT THE MODERATORS KEPT THEM IN LINE. IT WAS FOR THEIR OWN GOOD.
IN THE CITY, EMOTION WAS RUTHLESSLY DESTROYED. NAMES WERE REPLACED BY NUMBERS. FACIAL EXPRESSION WAS BANNED.
MARRIAGES WERE CHOSEN BY MODERATORS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF AFFECTION BETWEEN COUPLES. AND MORE, MUCH MORE.
EVEN THEN, EMOTION WOULD NOT DIE. ZOMBANS WERE PRACTISING IT LATE AT NIGHT IN SECRET PLACES. IT WAS THE BRAINS TRUST WHO FOUND THE FINAL SOLUTION--
THE HARMONISER! A MACHINE THAT ERASES EMOTION FROM THE BRAIN!
NOW, CRANIAL SOCKETS ARE IMPLANTED AT BIRTH. NO UNIT NEED EVER STRAY FROM THE WAY OF HARMONY.'

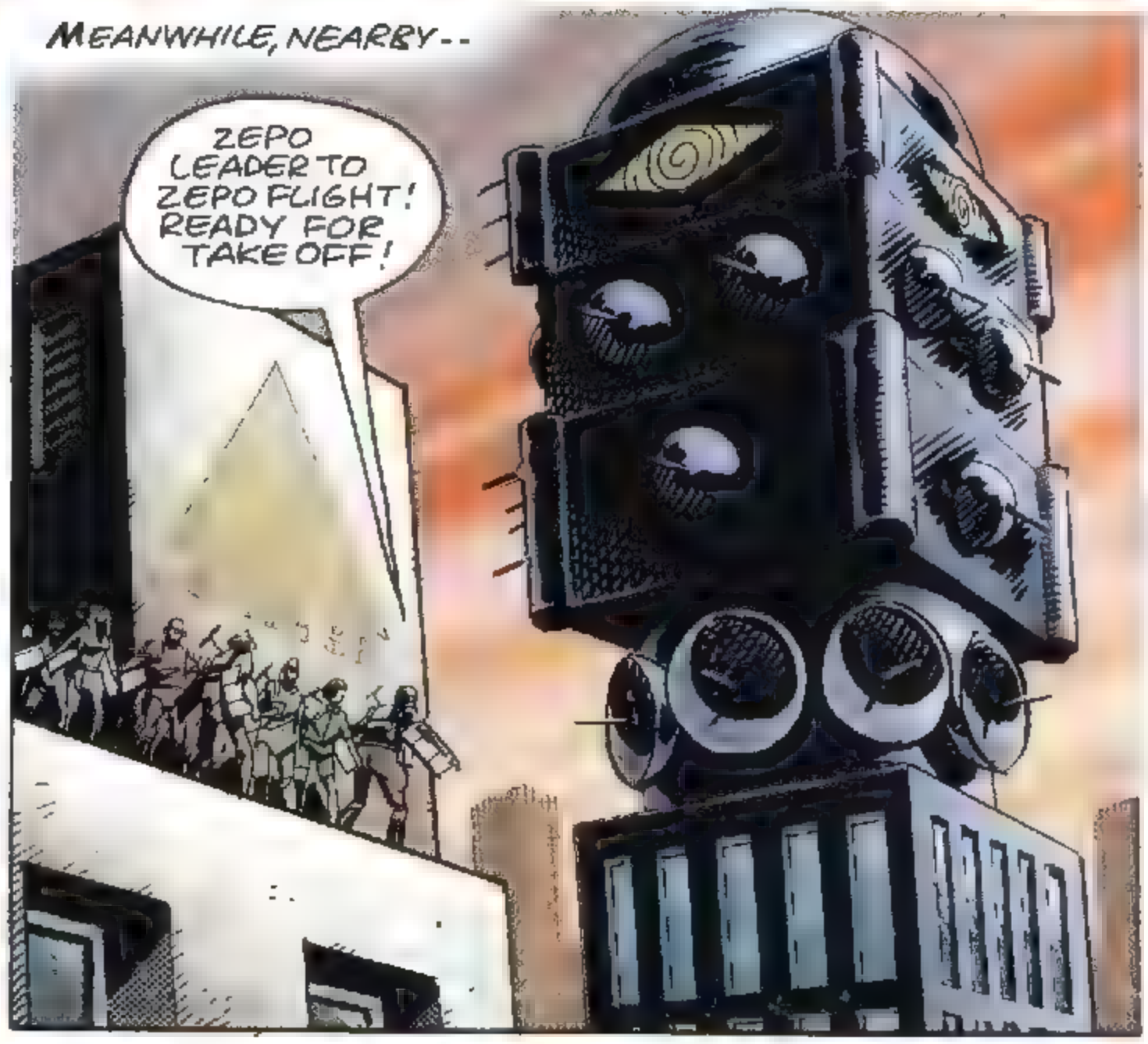
IT'S MONSTROUS! YOU CAN'T ERASE PEOPLE LIKE...LIKE TAPE RECORDERS! DON'T YOU SEE YOU'VE DAMNED YOUR PEOPLE TO A LIVING DEATH!
THAT IS AN EMOTIONAL REACTION, DOCTOR. WE CAN CURE YOU.

IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WATCHTOWER...
THERE IS A REBEL GROUP WHO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE WAY OF HARMONY. THE ZOM EMOTIONAL PEOPLES ORGANISATION, THEY CALL THEMSELVES. ONE IS BEING TREATED NOW.
YOU CAN'T STOP US FEELING! LONG LIVE ZEPO!

AAAAH!

THE ULTRA-HARMONISER WIPES THE BRAIN CLEAN. DRASTIC, BUT NECESSARY, WITH HARDENED CRIMINALS.

YOU ARE NEXT, DOCTOR!

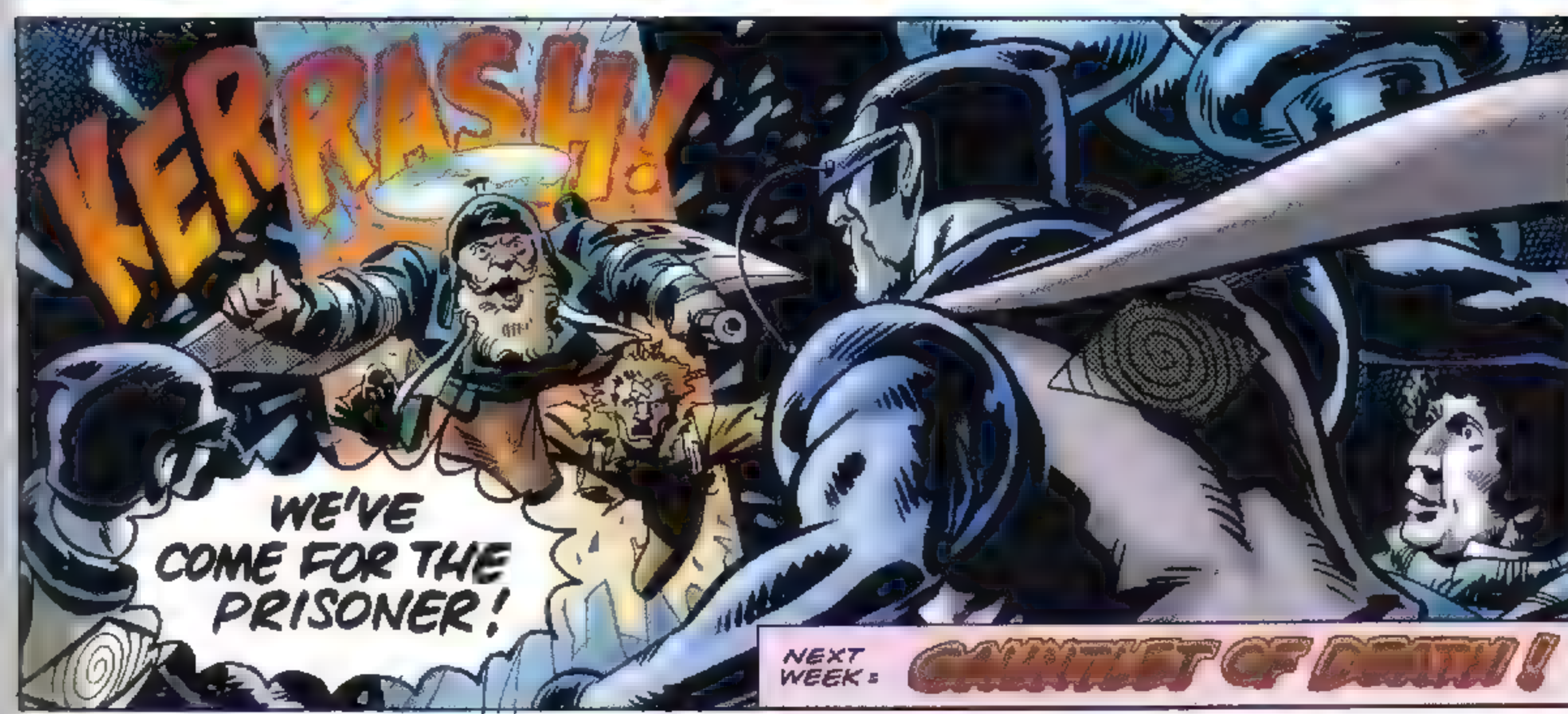

MEANWHILE, NEARBY--
ZEPO LEADER TO ZEPO FLIGHT! READY FOR TAKE OFF!

TOO RIGHT I'M READY! I'M SO ANGRY, I COULD EAT A MODERATOR!
I'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION...
PFFF! WORDS ARE FOR THE BIRDS! TWEET! LET'S FLY!

ZEPO FLIERS!

AAAAH!
STEADY ON COURSE! WE'RE GOING IN!

CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER? THINK OF WHAT YOU'RE DESTROYING! THE WIT! THE CHARM! THE SHEER GOOD HUMOUR!
PRECISELY THE POINT, DOCTOR. BE CALM. ALL THAT WILL SOON BE OVER...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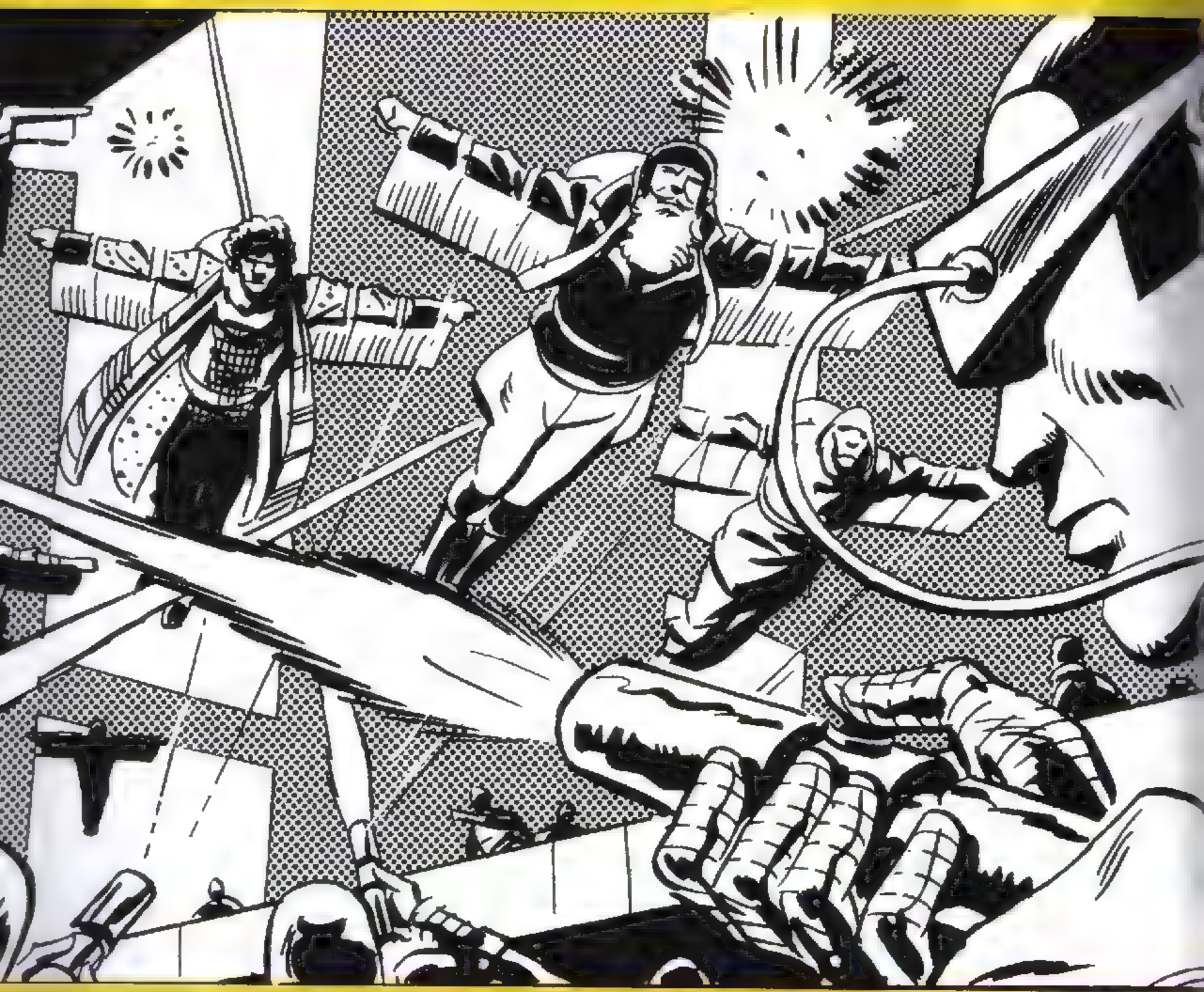

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Acclaimed writer Barbara Kesel takes on the popular prose heroine, Rogue Angel

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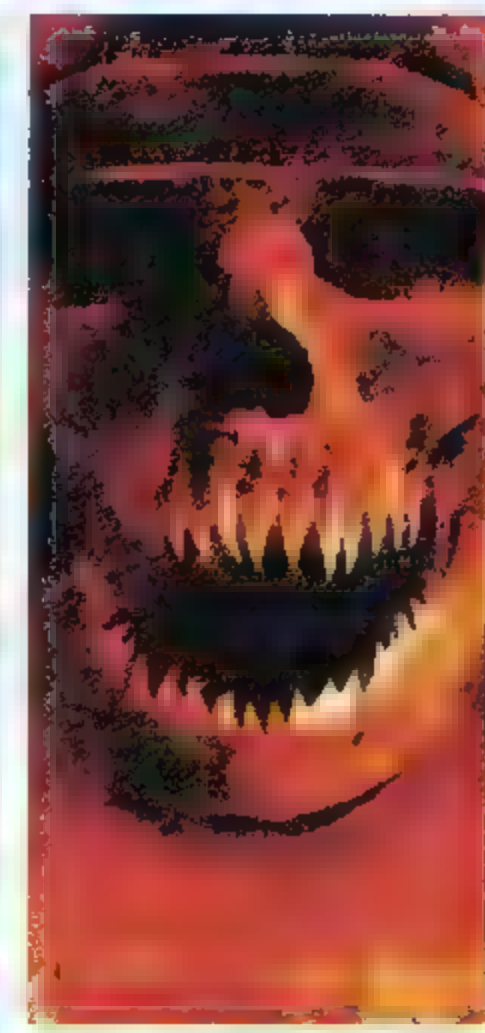
30 Days of Night Red Snow TPB

IDW: What were your thoughts when IDW first approached you about writing a comic book version of Rogue Angel*?*

Barbara Kesel: I laughed, because I had just written a short YA book for Actionopolis that involves Excalibur *(The White Knight: Line of Avalon)*, I was writing the script for a *Xena Warrior Princess* comics story, and then along comes *Rogue Angel* and Joan of Arc's sword. There's a possibility that I'll get typecast as only writing "chicks with swords" fiction.

IDW: You've mentioned that you have a surprise respect for the Rogue Angel *prose series (and the characters contained within) after having read a few of the novels as part of your research. Why is that?*

BK: Well, given the pulp nature of the series, I was expecting them to be fun, but not to be *smart*. The authors are clearly doing their homework. They aren't just using the surface level information on the different archaeological sites or mysteries they incorporate into the stories, they're digging in an including information that debunks or contradicts the "official story." The fact that Annja, the woman who carries a sword that she can make *magically* appear, is an avowed skeptic, is my favorite part.

IDW: Your first Rogue Angel *story* (Rogue Angel: Teller of Tales) *touches upon American Literature, specifically a mystery surrounding the authenticity of the work of Mark Twain. What was your inspiration for this subject?*

BK: My brother lives in Nevada. Seriously, it started with thinking of him.

I was casting around for the site of a mystery that might not duplicate something being done in the book series. I actually started with the mines, ghosts, and legends surrounding Virginia City and the Comstock Lode. And then somewhere in there the idea for the character who became Rashmi popped into my head. For her love of Mark Twain, I pulled from a real-life anecdote told to me by Reka, owner of Reka's Thai restaurant in White Plains, NY: she grew up on a plantation in Thailand reading the Laura Ingalls Wilder books and eventually pursued her childhood dream of seeing all the little houses in the big woods where Laura had lived. I loved the idea of someone from an entirely different culture falling in love with America's past. It's a great brain-twister to think of "us" as foreign and exotic.

IDW: For the uninitiated, how would you describe Annja Creed (aka Rogue Angel)?

BK: She's one of those understated superstars who doesn't realize what an impression she makes on other people. She's the beautiful woman who crosses a room followed by admiring eyes that she never notices. Since her love is archaeology, she's used to thinking of herself as the new kid in a world of elderly experts. Her past makes her especially guarded around other people, and she's more inclined to take point than to trust someone else to keep her safe. She's gained two dubious allies in Roux and Garin, and she's never quite sure what to believe about either of them. And while she's gained fame from her role on "Chasing History's Monsters," she's continually outshined by her costar, so she stays humble.

IDW: Besides Rogue Angel, what other projects do you have in the works?

BK: *Legends of the Dark Crystal* (Tokyopop) hits bookstores in a month, and my YA book will be out sometime in the next year. I'm working on a strange take on firefighters as part of the properties we're developing for The Pack, and editing many others, and doing some miscellaneous teaching and lecturing. There are other projects in the works, but I can't talk about them yet. IDW

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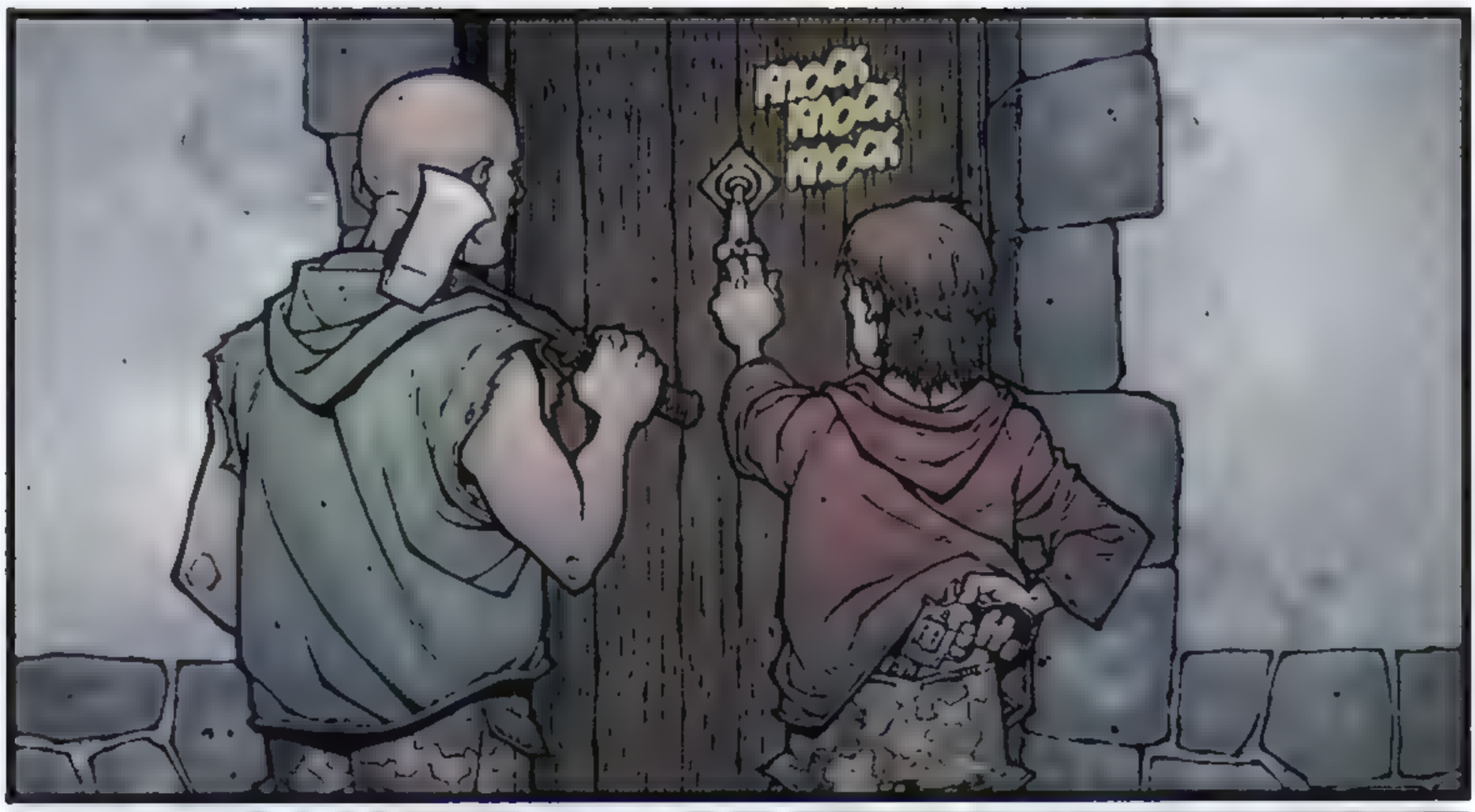
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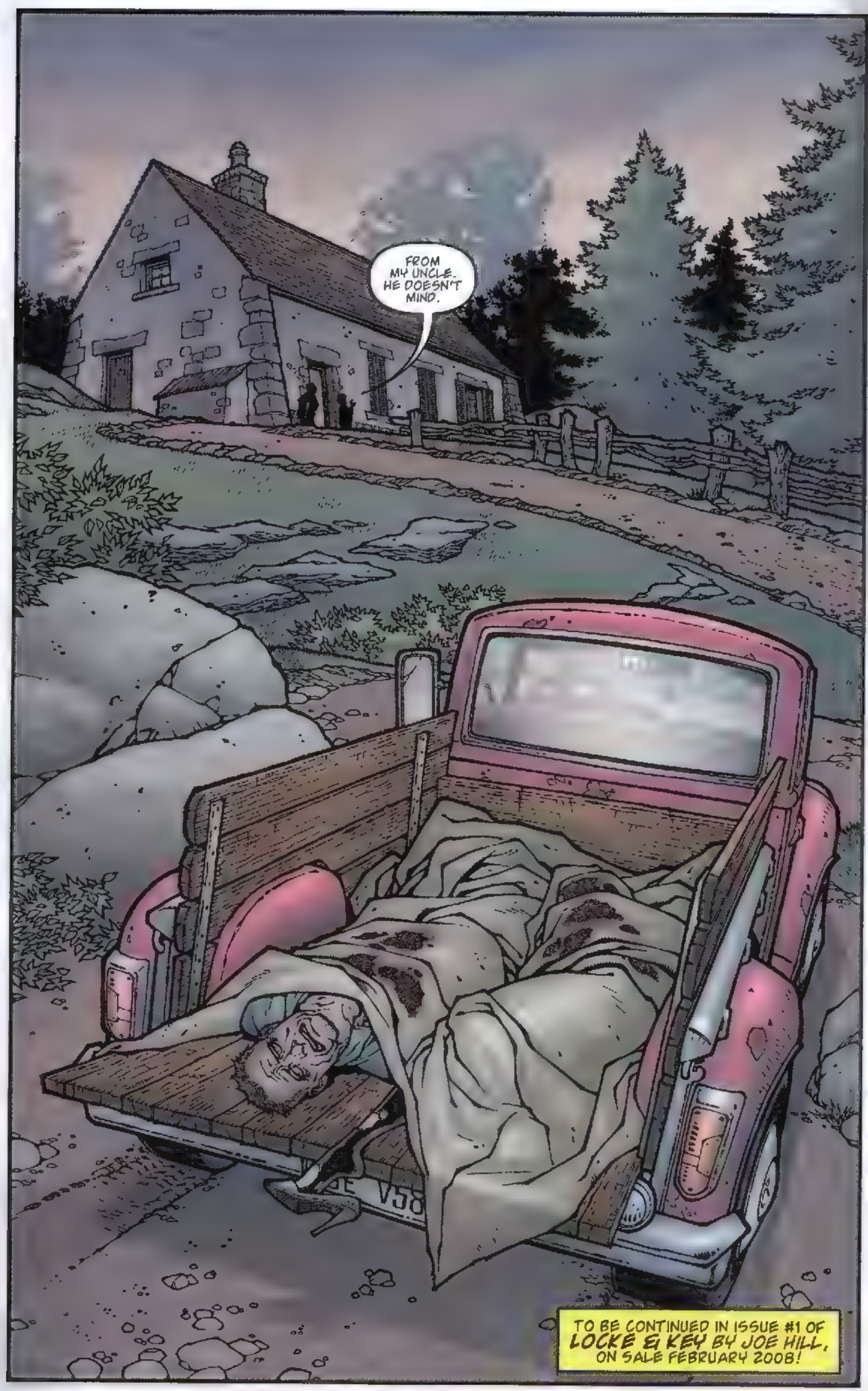
I'M AL GRUBB.
SAM. AL. YOU'RE A WAYS FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

I'M WORKING FOR MY UNCLE IN WILLITS. MR. LOCKE SHOWED ME A PICTURE OF YOUR PLACE HERE LAST YEAR AND SAID I SHOULD COME UP AND SAY HI SOMETIME. MAYBE HANG WITH TYLER.
HE DID? I LIKE YOUR PICK-UP.
IT ISN'T OURS WE JACKED IT.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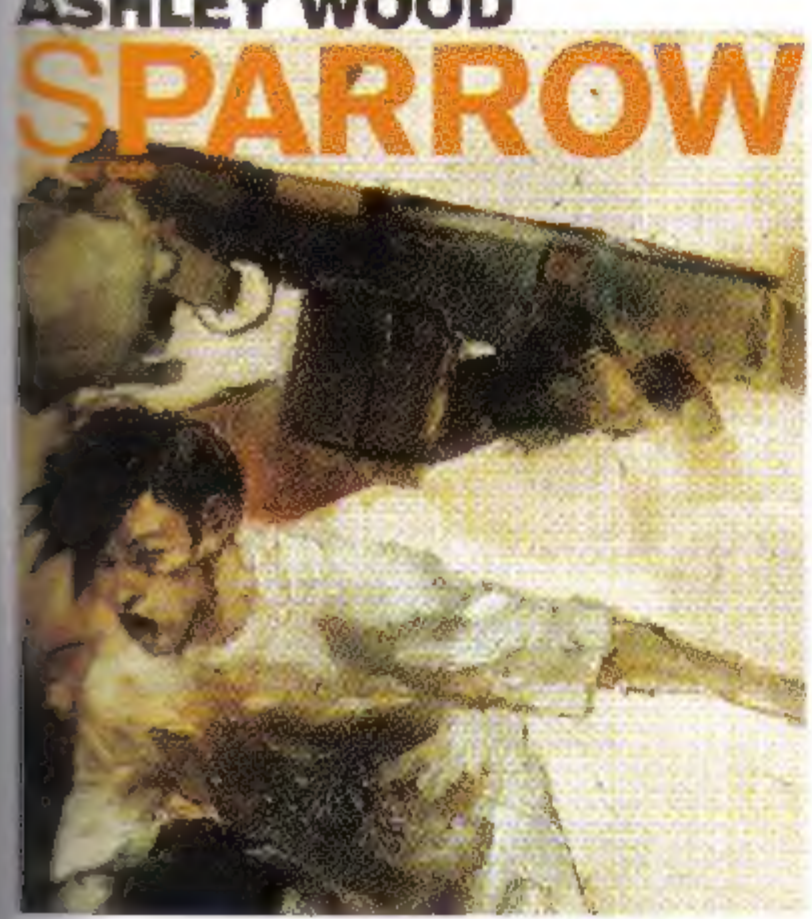

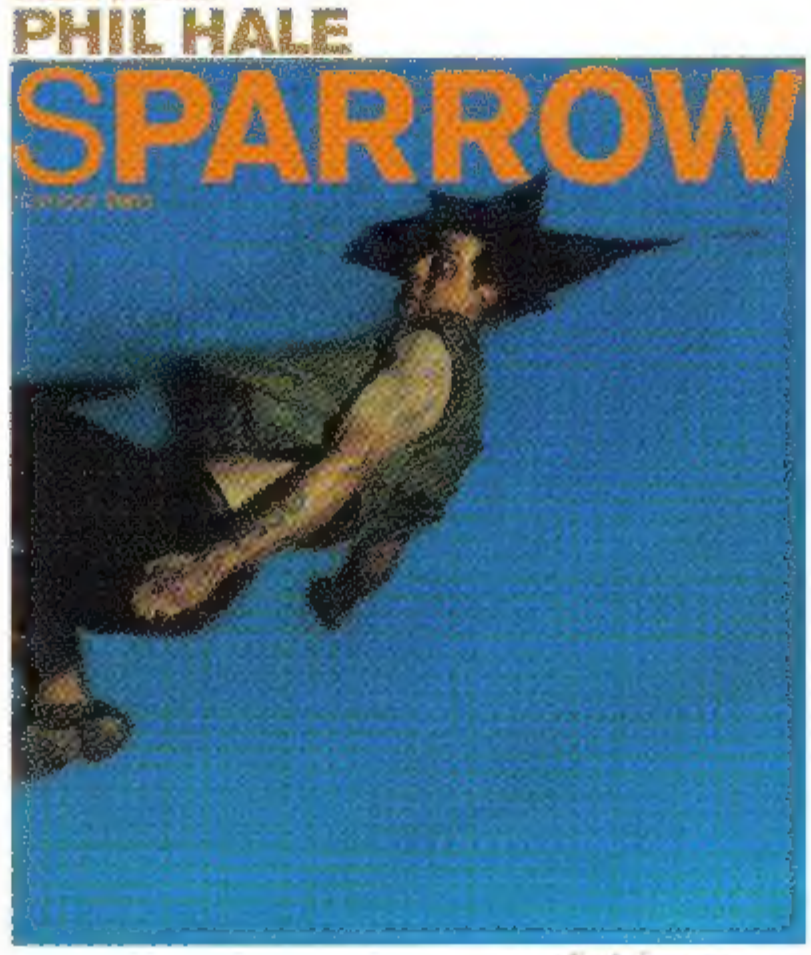

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